

The focus in developmental mathematics has been on remediation of school mathematics deficiencies, combined with a target of preparing students for college mathematics – especially pre-calculus. Three emerging models seek to make basic changes in developmental mathematics.

| | AMATYC New Life | Carnegie Pathways | Dana Center Mathways |
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| url | https://sites.google.com/site/amatycdmc/ http://dm-live.wikispaces.com | http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/developmental-math | http://www.utdanacenter.org/higher-education/new-mathways-project/ |
| Courses | Mathematical Literacy for College Students (MLCS); Algebraic Literacy (AL) | Quantway I and II Statway I and II | Foundations of Mathematical Reasoning; Quantitative Reasoning; Statistical Reasoning; STEM Prep courses (2) |
| Math content description | Mathematical literacy (MLCS) builds on basic numeracy and blends quantitative literacy, proportional reasoning, algebraic reasoning, and functions & models; less procedural focus, more on application. Algebraic Literacy course presents algebraic topics in multiple representations, with some procedural focus; includes some geometry, trigonometry, and statistics. | Mathematical literacy, starting from basic numeracy. Blends quantitative literacy, proportional reasoning, algebraic reasoning, and functions & models; less procedural focus, more on application. In Quantway, math lit is first course. In Statway, math lit is imbedded within both courses along with statistical content. | Under development [Foundations of Mathematical Reasoning (FMR) is expected to be approximately the same; a derivative of Quantway. Follow-up courses being developed to meet needs.] FMR will include corequisite student success course. |
| College commitment | Flexible (ranging from just course approvals to additional support, up to replacing traditional developmental courses. Faculty driven. | Multi-year commitment for several faculty and other staff; college joins a network; implementations are somewhat standardized around common curricular materials and teaching methods. | Under development ; state-focused (Texas initially) [anticipated to include meaningful college commitment to support changes] |
| Target courses [prepares for] | Flexible; can include introductory statistics, quantitative reasoning, transitions, etc after mathematical literacy. AL (Algebraic Lit) course prepares students for college algebra or pre-calculus. In replacement system, MLCS replaces beginning algebra (and possibly pre-algebra); AL replaces intermediate algebra | Tracking: Students in Quantway I take Quantway II; Students in Statway I take Statway II | Preliminary scheme: Foundations of Mathematical Reasoning (FMR) prepares for 3 courses – Quantitative Reasoning (college), Statistics (intro college), and STEM prep path. |
| Curricular materials | Flexible; MLCS commercial materials under development (published in 2013 and 2014). Faculty also custom publish and/or write materials | Standardized Quantway and Statway materials, shared across all institutions. Currently, no textbook cost for students. | Under development [Anticipated to be include commercial-quality materials at a low cost to student] |
| Placement | Into Math Lit: ‘ready for beginning algebra’ Into Algebraic Literacy: Had Math Lit or ready for intermediate algebra | Into Quantway I or Statway I: ‘ready for beginning algebra’ Into Quantway II or Statway II: no process established | Under development [Anticipated to parallel New Life process] |