

August 15, 2011

Dear Math 110 Students,

Welcome to our online adventure in Elementary Algebra.

You are receiving this because you have signed up for Math 110, Elementary Algebra. This 18-week semester course runs from August 18 through December 14, 2011.

This online course will be using CourseCompass ([www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com)), powered by MyMathLab. You will be completing your homeworks and quizzes via this course management system; you should expect to spend 5 to 10 hours per week on these assignments. This site also has other resources including online and phone tutoring, hints and examples for homework problems, and the whole textbook in digital form. In order to register, you will need the courseID: **lapuz02786**. For registering details, go to: [http://www.coursecompass.com/html/student\\_registration\\_help.html](http://www.coursecompass.com/html/student_registration_help.html).

Aside from the online work, you will be expected to be on campus at least 5 times:

- **Orientation:** Thursday, August 18, 2011 4:10 – 5:50pm, Room 3-142
- **Test 1:** Tues, 9/13, OR Wed, 9/14. Time and location to be determined.
- **Test 2:** Tues, 10/11, OR Wed, 10/12. Time and location to be determined.
- **Test 3:** Tues, 11/8, OR Wed, 11/9. Time and location to be determined.
- **Test 4:** Tues, 12/13, OR Wed, 12/14. Time and location to be determined.

There may be study sessions near the exam times. Also, everyone is invited to visit the Learning Center for drop in tutoring led by very able instructional aides and tutors.

Cañada College has many services for students such as the Counseling Center (<http://www.canadacollege.edu/student/counselingcenter.html>) and the Disability Resource Center (<http://www.canadacollege.edu/student/disabledservices.html>). For other resources, go to <http://www.canadacollege.edu/student/index.html>.

So, are you ready for an online course? Here are a few websites to check yourself:

Cerro Coso: <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/studentservices/heather/quizaccess.htm>

Palomar: <http://www.palomar.edu/areyouready/>

Basically, if you have reliable access to the internet, are self-motivated, and can devote a good amount of time for this class, then you may be for you.

We will be discussing this and more about the class in more detail. Until then, you can contact me at [rlapuz2@my.smccd.edu](mailto:rlapuz2@my.smccd.edu).

See you at the Orientation – August 18, 2011, 4:10-5:50pm in Room 3-142.

Ray Lapuz