

Dear Prospective Student,

First off, Congratulations on taking advantage of getting your education and for taking it to the next step and taking Math 201. As a former student of this class, I have some tips to share with you that will make you (hopefully) succeed. Some things to expect from this class, one you will do both book homework and online homework, and your exams will be in person, usually on a Saturday at 2pm. I have also taking Professor Moss Math 120 class online and it was the same expectation. I really like this class because I felt that it was reinstalling in us what we learned throughout our whole math history, from the basics to learning how to calculate APR's, monthly payments and how much your retirement would be in a certain amount of years. There were many topics covered in my fall semester class, the ones that interested me the most were managing money in Chapter 4 and mathematics and politics in Chapter 12. Managing money with had to do with APR's and monthly payments with other percentages, then Mathematics had to do with finding the candidate and percentages.

Some things that helped me succeed in this class, is one, it was online. I was able to do the homework whenever I wanted to before the due date. Also because of it being online, it was a big advantage not having to buy the book because it is provided through the class; however, you do have to pay about \$80 in order to access the class. Otherwise, I was happy not having to purchase the book. Two, all the resources you need are provided to you online. Lastly, time management, meaning managing your time to make sure that you are on time with your assignments and not falling behind with the bookwork. By managing my time, it helped me stay organized with the four classes that I was taking online. I also kept four different folders for my classes with separate notebooks, that way my notes didn't get lost nor the bookwork that I completed before the exam.

I have three more things that helped but were also my studying habits. When I completed my homework both online and the book, I did not just forget about. Instead, I looked it over two to three times a week, making sure I understood the material. In the online homework, most problems give you examples, which are extremely helpful because the book confused me a couple of times. I would write down the examples and it helped me with the online homework and the bookwork. From the examples, I was able to make my own problems and solve them. Last study habit was repeat, repeat, repeat. Math is one of those subjects that are repeating everything you know to get better at it, so that is what I did.

Now, just because I had such great tips to provide you for this class, I didn't follow them 100% of the time myself. If I had to do things differently especially with the bookwork, I would do them at the same time as the online work, maybe even before that. That way I am not rushing to get it done the day before or day of the exam, which I did twice. That is probably my one bad habit that I waited last minute for that, but overall I worked it out throughout the course. Coming into this class, I knew what I was in for and I am so used to taking online classes. However, if you have taking online classes before and they seemed like a breeze, then you are in for a shocker. This class is only a breeze if you keep up with the online and bookwork.

Wishing you the best,

Former Math 120 and Math 201 Student