

**Orientation Letter  
Math 120 Online  
Intermediate Algebra  
Summer 2009**

Dear Student,

Welcome to Math 120, Intermediate Algebra Online. This letter will give you an overview of the course to help you decide if an online learning format is right for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

**Is Online Math For You?**

Online math is an exciting new offering at Skyline College. Online classes are appealing because they are often more convenient than on-campus classes, especially for students with busy schedules. Successful online students are self-motivated, independent, organized learners. Plan on spending between 10 and 15 hours per week on this class for the semester session and more for the summer session. See if you are a candidate for online learning by taking the self-assessment at: [http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skyline/inst/distlearn\\_qu.html#top](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skyline/inst/distlearn_qu.html#top)

**Getting Started:**

You must complete the mandatory online orientation by June 22. Go to my webpage <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/moss/> for information.

**Course Overview:**

Math 120 will cover intermediate algebra using several online multimedia tools. Course material will consist of a textbook, video lectures, lecture notes, and animations. Free tutoring is offered in The Learning Center Monday thru Saturday and the MESA center Monday thru Friday. There will be two on-campus exams. The exam dates are listed in the course schedule. You must show a valid photo ID at every exam.

**Features of CourseCompass and MyMathLab:**

- Video Lectures for each chapter
- Video Clips for many problems
- A step by step “Help Me Solve It” feature is available for each exercise
- Examples similar to the assigned problems
- Entire text and solution guide
- Quizzes and practice quizzes

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Moss

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