

Dear prospective student,

During the course of this class you may find it both easier than a lot of classes and at the same time harder than most classes. You can expect the class to be very convenient and at times confusing.

Some things that I found that worked for me during this semester was the use of online resources were extremely helpful. All the online homework examples and the numerous times I took quizzes to obtain a hundred percent is what I have found helped me understand the material most.

The big thing that you do not want to do is to wait until the last minute to complete online homework and quizzes as well as written homework. If you wait for the last minute to complete any online work, you will usually find yourself in a rush and not able to complete it well. I personally was not able to finish one of the math quizzes because I had procrastinated. If I were to go back I would probably do two things: First I would make sure that I completed all the online work early so I could take my time on it and earn the extra credit for having it done early as well. Secondly, I would complete all the written homework so I wouldn't have to worry about anything else prior to an exam besides studying for it.

Three study habits that I found worked well were doing the online exercises because it showed you step by step to how to work the problem out. Another habit I found that worked was to work on either online homework or written homework at least once every other day to help keep my mind on top of all the techniques. Lastly, I found that completing all the review exam sheets were by far the most helpful because it was almost a duplicate of the exam in which it was designed for and all the techniques would be utilized during the exam.

Three habits that I would change would be to not ever procrastinate on the online work. I would also find ways to keep the material in mind during the whole assigned units to prevent stressful exam reviewing. Another habit I would try and acquire the next time around would be to attend the classroom study sessions for units in which I didn't understand to get help from the teacher.

I found that the best way to stay on top of the online portion for the course is to have the schedule with my work at all times. By having the dates where online assignments were due were my key to success, rather than going online here and there to check on dates. I relied on the checking up online method for the first two weeks in where it resulted in me not completing an online assignment because I didn't even know it was due.

My best suggestion to you would be to always maintain a manageable workload and complete everything early. Early is always better because you get it done in correctly, you stress less, and you get extra credit!