

Dear prospective student,

This class can be best described by the quote, “You get what you put into it”. You can spend 10 minutes doing the online homework and hurry through the written homework, just to get them done, but once the test comes along it will make you wish you had taken your time and done the work over a couple of days. I did, anyway. Though the online homework is helpful, the best study aide is the written assignments. I found that doing the online homework was a good preparation for the written homework. When doing the written homework, I would not complete them on the same day I started them. I completed the homework over a course of 3+ days. I felt that by doing this the material stuck in my head easier. I also found that the online quizzes are a good warm up for the tests.

I didn't find any disadvantages with this class being online. Every tool you need is at your fingertips. The solutions manual and the lecture notes are priceless. They really help you along when doing the homework, but don't make the mistake of letting them do your homework for you. I made the mistake of following the solutions manual too closely and when the test came I wasn't able to complete any problems similar to what I followed. I stayed organized by printing out the unit checklists and the calendar. As long as you follow the calendar, you aren't missing a thing. I found the quizzes to be very time consuming, so prepare to spend at least 3 hours on each. Don't accept anything less than 100% in any of the online work, work on everything as many times as you need to until you get it flawless. If I could go back I would have made sure I scored 100% on each of the assignments.

Three study habits I would include would be: complete your online homework before you do the written assignments. Once you start your written assignments, work on them over the course of 3 days. The material will stick much easier by taking your time and doing them right. Read the discussion board at least once a day and ask/answer questions! Besides getting extra credit for helping your classmates, you can also get your questions answered there. The teacher is very timely and informative with her posts. Lastly, retake the quizzes before the actual test. They are a good warm up for the real thing. Also, be sure to get lots of sleep the night before the test. The last thing you want to do is fall asleep during a 3 hour test.

If I were to take another online math class I would keep the coursework calendar in a spot I could see it everyday, get involved with study groups, and spend more time overall reading the books examples. Remember, the hardest thing to do is learn how to solve the problem but the biggest mistake you can make is not learning how to identify the problem to begin with.