

Dear Future Student of Math 120 Online:

You should expect to learn much and be able to use learned material in authentic situations. You should expect, at the same time, that this class would require investment of your time, energy and patience. Be ready to spend between 8 and 12 hours a week for homework which would include completing exercises from the book and from the website. Both provide tools to help you learn and understand the material. And although the pace will be fast, the study plan is very structured and provides plenty to tools to help you be successful in this class.

I worked on the exercises every day and that helped me to stay on top of the workload. The best approach that I found was that it was much more productive to practice for 30-45 minutes daily rather than for several hours once or twice a week. I went online daily to check on current assignments and review the material. The website is very user friendly so it was a pleasure to navigate it.

What did not work for me is studying late at night or under stress. Math requires concentration and my ability to concentrate falls drastically when I am tired. I would strongly advice to rest before studying - you might find that the same assignment might take twice or more time to complete when you are tired. So if I had to take this class again, I would never do homework late in the evening.

Also, what worked for me was doing the online work first and then doing the written homework. Online format provides tools that help you solve the problems.

And, finally, the main thing that is essential in order to succeed in this course is to keep up the pace. Don't delay completing the homework - it accumulates fast creating a huge backlog! I did that in the first couple of weeks and had to learn the hard way - it was not fun at all to do the homework all weekend long while I could have done that during the week without stress!

Good luck.