

Dear new student,

Congratulations on taking an online math class! This class will teach you a lot of new skills in math for your future. For this class, you should expect to spend anywhere from 6-10 hours a week working on the online and written homework. It can get tough at times but you are given many chances to improve your skills and your grade since you can re-do all online homework and quizzes as many times as necessary. A good thing to remember is to read your books directions on how to do the problems before attempting the online homework and the written since it will help you get a clear idea on what you have to do. I also wrote down the steps as I went through the online homework and referred back to it when I would get stuck on the written part. Being that organization is key to achieving a good grade (especially in an online class) I made sure to stay on top of the homework and do my best to have the written homework done on the same due date as the online. When studying for my first test I made the mistake of just skimming over the practice exam rather than taking the time to do each problem and as a consequence did not do as good on that test as the others. Be sure to not make the same mistake and complete the practice exams because they help tremendously. If I had to take this class over I would remember how important it was to stay organized and manage my time wisely. Three main study habits I found to be a success are 1) write down the steps of the online homework, 2) complete the practice exam in full, and 3) ask questions if you need help!. I would not however recommend these study habits since they did not work for me 1) procrastination, 2) skimming over the practice exam rather than taking my time through it, and 3) not asking questions when you need help. I hope this was helpful, good luck in the class!