

To New Student...

I am finishing this online math class and want to inform you on what to expect while taking this course. I took Elementary Algebra with no problem and enrolled in Intermediate Algebra a few semesters ago. By the end of the first month I was lost and couldn't understand anything. This was an in class course. I had to drop the course and from then on was intimidated by math. I was nervous about taking this online course but needed to try it so I can transfer to state college. I was pleasantly surprised on how the teacher ran the course. I was scared because I thought I would be on my own with no instruction due to it being an online class. This was not the case. The homework and assignments were all very simple to follow and with the tools available with Course Compass I was able to complete and understand the work. If I did have a problem the teacher was always very prompt on getting back to me in the discussion board with the help I needed. The other students were also eager to help out. The quizzes and exams were all based on the assignments so I knew what to study from.

In doing my homework online I always used the "View and Example" button because this showed me the steps on how to solve each problem. Then I could do it with the problem assigned to me. I also did a little every night or every other night so I wouldn't fall behind or forget the material.

The "Help Me Solve This" was a little difficult for me but I noticed that it did work for other people so I guess it is just a personal preference... I liked the "View an Example" button instead.

If I was to take this course again I would continue to do the assignments early to get the extra credit and do a little bit every day so I wouldn't fall behind or forget material. I think my habits worked for me so I would most likely do the same thing I did this time.

The three study habits that worked best for me were doing the online homework first then doing the book work. I did the homework over and over again so I knew the material and again would not go for too many days without doing work so I wouldn't forget the material.

Like I said before my study habits worked well for me so I am going to do the same thing if I take another online course. Maybe one thing I would change is to look at the book more and take more notes.

A few things I can say about taking an online class is to stay organized, and not get intimidated. Don't look ahead in the book too far because I did that and got scared thinking I could never learn those problems because they looked too difficult.