

Dear Math Online Student,

I will be telling you about how I feel about taking a math course online. First and foremost, don't expect this course to be any easier than a math class in an actual classroom. Some would even say that it is more difficult. But as long as you stay up to date with the homework, I am sure that you will do great. I strongly recommend that you log onto the course website at least once a day, just to browse around even if your work is already done. At one point in class I failed to do this, and I drastically paid for it. I did not do any math work for at least a week straight, and it almost cost me my semester. Don't hesitate to attend the class discussions on campus as they will help you understand any areas you are confused about. If I were to approach this class again I would do all my written homework at least 3-4 days before an exam. What worked well for me was studying and the discussion board. Many of my classmates had the same questions I did and this helped me clear muddy areas I did not understand. If I were to take another online math class, and I do plan to, I would definitely be more prepared with my written homework as well as use the skyline learning center or MESA for tutoring. It shouldn't be too difficult to stay organized with online assignments and quizzes, as they are all on the website without the risk of getting lost or mixed with other papers. In conclusion, do not be afraid to take an online math class because of the fact that there is no instructor in front of you, you can always make an appointment to see your instructor, or e-mail them directly as my instructor would answer my e-mails on the same day if not within hours. Also, don't think that its going to be a walk in the park, because just like in a real classroom or in a virtual classroom, classes demand hard work and time. Good luck!