

Dear Math 200 Online Student—

So you've decided to take Statistics online! Congratulations!

I originally signed up for Math 200 on campus option, but switched to the online class when Professor Moss made that an option. I am so glad that I took the online class.

This class is not easy, you have to stay on top of your studies in order to do well—but it is not impossible to achieve the grade you want with the right amount of work.

For me, I did the online homework at least a day in advance of its due date so that I could post any questions I had to the forum. Use the forum! It's your only other contact with your classmates and it can be a great help. I know this is going to sound horrible, but don't do your book work too early before the midterms and tests. I thought that I would get an early start on my homework for the third midterm but, I got done so early that by the time the midterm rolled around I had nothing to refresh my memory of the material from that chapter.

This is how I scheduled my work for this class: do your online homework on time, if not early; post to the forum (communicate with your classmates! Teaching someone else via a forum is the best way to test your knowledge of a subject). Start on the book work about a week before the test. The text problems are excellent practice for the questions on the test. After you have gone through all of your book work thoroughly, take the practice test posted under the Course Documents. These practice tests can be a real life saver! Make sure to complete the book work and practice test before the Virtual Classroom sessions! That way you can ask Professor Moss questions about the homework and test. She is really helpful in the Virtual Class and you can pick up some great tips!

Staying organized is key to being successful in this class. Mark down all the Virtual Classrooms, Online Homework, Book Work, and Tests are on a visible calendar. You need to always be aware of when things are due, so you don't fall behind.

If you're trying to save some money, you can just buy the code to access CourseCompass online and you get a free e-copy of the book. It is a little tougher to navigate, but it saves you a lot of money. (Sometimes you can even find promotional codes for Pearson online and save even more money!)

The bottom line for this class is: Practice, practice, practice. The lecture notes are so immensely helpful and Professor Moss provides you with all the resources you could possibly need in order to be successful in this class! Use everything and if you still need help go to office hours.

I cannot emphasize enough how useful the discussion board is. Use it and you will do great!

Best of Luck! (I suspect the probability of your success in this class is very high ☺ )