

To all new students of Math 200:

I liked the online format for this statistics class. You can work on the class anytime of the day or night, according to your schedule. Also, you don't have to worry about commuting to the classroom, or rearranging your life to fit your class schedule. Yet you do have to be self-motivated and keep on top of your work, and you have to like to work independently. Expect to spend two to three hours at least on each chapter section.

I would recommend buying the TI-83 calculator right away. I was able to get mine on ebay for \$40. I was using another calculator for the first half of the semester, and then I had to catch up in learning how to use the TI-83, not to mention doing all the calculations the long way. Calculating the example problems in the class notes made sure that I was using the calculator functions correctly.

I would usually complete the chapters by first reading class notes, then reading the textbook. Next I would complete the online homework. You can always click on the "Help me solve this" button to get extra help. After I was pretty comfortable with how to solve the problems, I would do the written homework. Click on the "Exercises" box on the left column of the written questions in the online textbook for some extra help. Even though the online version of the textbook has some helpful options, I kind of got a headache trying to read it all online. I would recommend buying the textbook as it is much easier to flip through, especially if your internet connection is on the slow side.

To study for the exams, I would take the sample tests provided by the teacher and complete the 3 x 5 card. I noticed that the sample tests are great for predicting what will be covered on the exams, as several of the real exam questions are usually very similar to the study guides.

Another way to stay organized throughout the semester is to print out the calendar and cross out each section completed. That way you can keep track of your assignments, and also make sure that you are up to date.