

Dear future Math 200 online student, I'd like to share with you a couple of expectations that you should have from this class. First of all, this is an online course so even though this means that you will be saving time from attending class; you will also probably be spending more time learning the material on your own because it's just harder to learn on your own. Also, it is essential that you keep up with the work. There are deadlines posted for discussion boards, homework and quizzes but it is up to you to study the corresponding material on time and to do all your graded work on time. Having the motivation to open up that statistics book and start studying is essential to pass this course; if you need someone to motivate you then you should consider taking a different course in which you actually go to class.

There are several techniques and strategies that helped me succeed in this course. One of them was simply to keep up with my homework. And by homework I mean my online homework and the homework from the chapters of the book. It doesn't work if you wait till the last minute because by then you will be completely confused trying to understand all the different concepts and you will also begin to panic because you know you will not have enough time. And time is essential for any math course because the only way you get good at it is by doing the problems over and over and over again until they finally stick in your head.

Another technique that helped me succeed was to review the quizzes, homework and previous exams prior to the exam. Remember, the more practice you get, the more you will understand and the better you will do on the exam. It does not work if you think that by simply doing the assignments once you will understand all the concepts and do

just fine on the exam. You should practice as much as possible to ensure that you are familiar with all the problems that can possibly be asked on the exam.

If I had to do this class again, I would make sure that I had established dates for myself as deadlines to finish reviewing the chapters and finish the written homework. This way, I wouldn't be reviewing 2 or more chapters at the same time and I would be spacing out my work in a more efficient manner. Also, I would try my best to make it to the exam review sessions, those sessions are very important because the instructor can clarify your answers immediately by just asking the question. Without the instructor, it usually takes a longer time to clarify your questions and confusions concerning certain topics on your own.

The three most important study habits that worked well for me were: 1, doing the online homework and quizzes ahead of time and after I review the handouts and read the book otherwise it just takes you forever to finish the online assignments 2, keep up with the written homework and make sure I fully understand it while I am doing it there is no sense in doing something that you don't understand just because you didn't take the time to read the book and last but not least #3, review ALL the online quizzes, homework and written homework, and previous exams over and over again prior to taking the final as many times as I could.

The three study habits that I would change if I took another online math class are: #1: Do not procrastinate and I mean with anything not even the written homework which you have to turn in during every test. 2, Ask more questions, post my questions on the discussion board so that other students can see them and so that I can get a response from the instructor and finally #3, Organize my time more efficiently having a personal

planner is essential for an online class in which you have a lot of deadlines to submit your online work and you need to remember all of them because every point counts.

A personal planner is the best way in which I was able to stay organized in the online format. Especially one of those planners in which you can see the whole month so that you know exactly what assignments need to be done during the week/ month and what days so that you can plan your personal and work activities around those days.

Organization is a key element to be successful on an online math course.