

Hello Future Students!

So, it's pretty clear that you have made the choice to take an online math course. I'm here to tell you not to run! This course is well put together and should be an easier math class to complete. There is going to be deadlines that you have to meet, but they will all be given out ahead of time so you have no reason not to complete assignments on time. There will be tests, but you are allowed one page of notes (TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS!). Overall, this course was worth taking.

Two tips that I can pass on to you that helped me succeed were doing the textbook assignments before they were due, and creating notes for every test. The textbook assignments are basically to help you, yes you receive credit for doing them, but in the long run it will only help you by getting the extra practice. Notes were also very helpful because if I got stuck on a problem during a test, I was able to read back over my notes for help. Rewriting things in your own words can help a ton.

I stayed organized in the class by getting a planner and writing all the dates when assignments were due, and also preparing for tests at least a day in advance. A big part of this class is making sure your assignments are done ON TIME. In reality, you have weeks to finish your work. Pace yourself. Before a test make sure you make yourself aware of everything that might possibly be on the test.

If I had to take this class again, the only thing I would do differently is budgeting out more time during my week to complete assignments. I am the Queen of Procrastination and thought I could handle waiting until the last minute to do my work, but I was wrong. That only lead to frustration and made things harder for myself.

To study, I would recommend attending the virtual classrooms and taking the time to make sure your homework is not only fully completed, but you are getting the correct answers. Even if you can't attend the classroom, I would always go back and watch the session for clarity on items that would be on the test. While doing homework, don't rush through. You can practice doing a problem all day, but if the answer isn't right there is no point. Make sure to understand the material and how to solve problems correctly.

If I were to make changes on taking the class I would have taken advantage of the extra credit and went to the Learning Center. The extra credit is there to help, you are doing the assignment no matter what, so why not give yourself a few extra points by finishing it early? The Learning Center is a great resource to use if you need some extra help. The tutors are usually very knowledgeable and are able to answer your questions.

I recommend taking this class. No it wasn't a breeze and sometimes concepts were hard to understand, but Professor Moss sets her students up for success. Don't let the title "Quantitative Reasoning" scare you. You'll be fine and the course will be over before you know it. Good luck!

This class isn't one that you think will be boring and extremely hard, it's actually the opposite. Taking this class will teach you about how past generations used mathematics. It was really cool an interesting to find out that math lives in our ever day life. Look outside right now and see if you can figure out what objects around you may be math related.

The most effective strategy that helped me throughout this class would be completing the online homework and book work ahead of time so I could look ahead in the unit. The second technique would be having someone test me on the questions throughout the units. I stayed organized by having a separate binder for math with separated sections for each unit. Another way I stay organized is by putting important math dates in my phone, then when it's completed I will delete it.

There are lots of habits that worked for me, one being organization. Being organized and prepared will make a big difference in your success. Another great habit that always works for me is giving myself enough time to study for quizzes and exams. An important habit that is actually bad that I have stopped doing is procrastination. Procrastinating can be your worst enemy especially when it comes to completing homework and exams.

If I had to take this course over again I would actually be more prepared from the beginning of the course to the end. I would also attend all of the virtual classrooms and then watch them again if i needed to. In the beginning of the course I was a big procrastinator and it showed in my first quiz and exam. Once I realized that doing that wasn't good, I began to put the deadlines in my calendar on my phone and I would do the online work and quizzes as early as possible. The changes I would make would be procrastinating, which I am working on as of today. Another change I would make would be asking for help as soon as I need it, not right before something is due.

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Dear Math 201 Online Student,

This course helps you develop the skills for reasoning logically and quantitatively and how these concepts can be applied to our real-life. Attendance is of extreme importance in order to pass this course. You will have two homework assignments due on two days of the week. Most homework assignments are available to redo unlimited number of times. Please make sure to keep that in mind. If your score wasn't the greatest please try again. You will also be given 4 exams and a Final.

Two of the strategies I used to succeed in the course were: One, staying on top of my deadline dates by constantly checking WebAccess and my syllabus. The other was watching the Lecture Videos more than once in order to assure myself I understood the concept being taught.

In order to stay organized I made a binder that included all the information provided by the professor on WebAccess including the Syllabus, Notes, Homework assignments and even the forums. I also set reminders on my iPhone and my iPad for all of my deadlines just to make sure I didn't miss anything.

If I were to retake this class a second time I would make sure to submit all of my assignments at least one day early to take advantage of the extra credit received for early completed assignments. I would also make a point to attend all the virtual classroom meetings the professor makes herself available for.

Study habits that worked well for me were to read the Book Chapter before listening to the Video lectures. It helped because by the time I saw the videos I had at least a slight idea of the concept. Additionally, I made sure to avoid leaving the online assignments for the last minute.

The two major changes I would make if I had to take this class again would be to take advantage of the early assignment submission extra credit and ask more questions on the forum. I would set my due dates one day early in order to receive a few extra points for submitting the assignments early. I feel like I didn't take advantage of the fact that you could post questions for the professor on the forum. I would definitely ask for help if you need it. I feel that the Virtual Classroom meeting are a very important part of this course therefore make sure to attend.

Professor Moss is a very helpful person and she is always available and more than happy to assist her students for them to succeed in her class.

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Dear future student,

This class isn't as bad as you would imagine. There are just a few requirements that you will need to fulfill in order to pass the class. There will be online homework assignments due about twice a week, which is very helpful and useful for quizzes and exams. They make it fairly easy since there are videos to watch in order to help you with each problems. Due dates for online homework, quizzes, and monthly posts are always due midnight so it gives you plenty of time to work on it throughout the day. Some of the techniques and strategies I used to succeed were managing my time wisely by setting certain amount of hours to work on homework and study for tests in advanced each day so I wouldn't have to cram everything last minute. Another thing I did was jotting down notes for each chapter as I did the homework. It helped a lot and saved a lot of time to figure out the problems we had to do from the textbook. I stayed organized by having a notebook and folder and keeping all my work so that way I have everything I need to prepare for the final exam. I also wrote down any notes such as formulas and examples in my notebook in order to understand the problems more and do well on the exams. If I were to approach this class and do it again, I would definitely change my time management skills and not let myself finish things up last minute. Although it is a online class, it is very time consuming. Study habits that worked for me were studying at schools or public libraries as opposed to studying at home. I get a lot less distracted and I tend to focus more when I'm not studying at home. Studying with a group of friends also helped, since we all kept each other accountable. If I were to take this class again, I would change my study habits by not procrastinating and getting things done in advanced so I wouldn't have to worry about it. I would also try to get more sleep and eat, before I take the exams so I feel well rested and not overly tired on exam days. I hope these tips were helpful to you and good luck on your studies!

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Students tend to make a common mistake thinking that online classes are easier than regular on-campus classes, because they can make their own schedule and have a little extra help on quizzes; however, online classes are the ones you have to take more care off, and the ones you have to make a bigger effort to learn. The following paragraphs contain helpful advice from a former Math 201 student. This letter will give you strategies and habits to succeed on this class, it will also help you find the correct way to approach this class and begin this semester with the right foot!

First let me tell you what to expect from this class. For the topics you should expect good quality of knowledge. You will learn a lot of daily operations such as calculating percentages or

calculating how much of a percentage a quantity is; you will also learn a lot of fun and interesting topics like different methods used for voting, and surveys, you will learn a little of ancient civilizations and how they saw numbers, also you will learn to decode codes, and a lot interesting things. For the work and homework, you should expect a fair amount of homework for each topic covered, with this said, I would conclude telling you that this course is based on the time you dedicate for practice and work, just like any other class.

Now that you know the course, I wanted to share some strategies that helped me succeed on this course. The first one is stay organized; remember always to keep on mind the unit checklist of the course so you will be aware of due dates and assignments that need to be done. Another strategy to succeed is making a study plan and making time to study. I also wanted to share my strategies for staying organize, the one I used the most was writing notes about every lecture or topic in my notebook so when doing my book homework I would have the information I needed another strategy I used to stay organized was having a weekly scheduled based on the unit checklist so I would know when to make my homework.

Even when having the tools and strategies to succeed, my work wasn't always perfect, and I failed in some things, so I can give you some advice for you to don't make the same mistakes I did. If I had to take this class again I would make the time to be on the online lecture the professor provides, I went on the online session only one time and it was really helpful! If I had to take this course again I would write every single online homework problem in my notebook! You know sometimes the problem could seem very easy and you can do it by simply using your calculator, so you don't take the time to write it; however when the quiz comes you forget the little procedures to solve that problem, was multiplying first? Or did you have to divide? You'll remember the topic and the problem, but you'll be needing a little more help to solve it. So if you write every given problem it'll be easier for you to remember, and that also counts as a strategy to study.

Another strategy to study is, if you are a visual learner like me I would recommend for you to make a YouTube list with the videos you find more helpful or with the ones referring to the topics that were more difficult for you. These are given by the professor on the assignments and then when studying I found it helpful to go over these videos; it was like having the lecture repeated for you. Also downloading the online session and making time to go over professor lecture.

I would hope all these strategies and tips to study help you to succeed on this class! And don't worry if you don't like math! This class is different! You will learn a lot of interesting things and you will be surprised, remember only effort make us achieve what we want! Good luck!

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Dear New Student,

When it comes to online Math 201, one should expect 4 exams, homework due twice a week, 4 book work assignments, a few forums and a cumulative final exam. Two strategies that helped me succeed were refraining from procrastination when it comes to studying for an exam, and holding on to all of my assignments from throughout the semester. Two ways that I stayed organized were labeling all of my assignments, and grouping my paperwork based on the corresponding math unit. If I had to do the class again, I would buy something and eat prior to doing assignments, because I noticed that studying on an empty stomach is not the way to go. Two study habits that worked well for me were reviewing all of the online homework prior to

each exam, and scheduling my studying time over the course of multiple days opposed to cramming all in one day. Two things I would do differently are attend all of the virtual classrooms and complete each homework assignment early to earn extra credit.

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Dear Student,

If you are reading this then you will be taking an online math class with Prof. Moss. If this is your first time taking an online math class, let me tell you this now that time management is an important key. This was my first online class that i have ever taken and i was never really good at math growing up. There are some strategies that i would like to share with you. The first being that if you are going to school and working at the same time don't take anymore hours at work anymore than you can handle. Like i said time management is the key so giving yourself ample amount time to watch the homework videos and actually doing the homework really helps. I had limited access to the internet while taking this class, so i always made sure whenever i had school i was off from work. On average i would go to school from 8:00 am i would sometimes stay there until 5pm just doing the math homework. Aside from taking detailed notes, another strategy that i used was getting access to the help around me. I'm a little embarrassed to say but i even went to seek help from my younger cousin, who is way smarter when it comes to math. How i stayed organized with my work is that i would take detailed notes from the videos and stapled them unit by unit. When it came to schedules of homework due dates and exams i always gave myself a week in advance on when things should already be done and when i should just start reviewing. If i had to take this class again i would use more of the forums to ask my fellow classmates questions on certain areas that i really struggled with. If there was one thing i would change was participating in the review meetings online. i feel like had i used all of my available resources i would have gotten better grades. One last important advice is to keep reviewing, because every step counts. Just because you're finished with exam number 1 does not mean it won't pop up again in the final exam. Hope this helps and good luck to you with the rest of your semester!

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To everyone thinking about taking this class you should. You should expect to learn about voting theory, finance, statistics, probability and even cryptography. What helped me succeed in this class was that I set a schedule for myself. I made sure that every monday I looked at the calendar to make sure of all the dates so I would not miss a homework assignment or online quiz. Another tool that helped was setting a reminder on my phone to check webaccess because you might forget sometimes your'e in an online class. I would approach this class with the anticipation that your'e going to learn math skills you can use in daily life. What I did to help me study was to finish the homework the week before, do problems from the text book for extra help and checking out the virtual classroom. If I had to make a change of what I did this semester I would probably do my written homework right after I do my online homework so that it is fresh in my head. I would also try and get a study buddy to ask questions whenever because it gets frustrating when you can't ask someone for help right away. **READ THE SYLLABUS!** Good luck