Math 095 - Student Toolkit for Success

- **Important Fundamentals**
  - Online courses provide students with the opportunity to earn their education in a virtual environment that may be more efficient in balancing their personal lives with their educational goals.
  - Math 095 is an 8-week online course aimed at providing students with the fundamentals for success in higher level math courses.
  - Your textbook is the primary tool for this class. This class also requires that you register for MyMathLab, which is where you will complete your homework assignments and take your quizzes. MyMathLab is a comprehensive, virtual math classroom that houses tutoring, video lectures and demonstrations, PowerPoint tutorials, sample problems, animated problem-solving, an electronic version of the textbook (eBook), and many more tools to enhance your overall learning experience.
  - Below, please find important tools and tips for your success in using MyMathLab in Math 095.

Good luck and here's to your success!

- **Essential Materials**
  - **Required Textbook**: Blitzer, Robert. *Intermediate Algebra for College Students Plus MyMathLab Student Access Kit*, *5th edition.* Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2009 ISBN 9780321565266. Here are your three options for obtaining the textbook:
    - Purchase a **new** textbook which includes a **free** Access Code to register for MyMathLab. The code might be inside the textbook or on a separate card packaged with the book. Access codes can be used only once.
    - Purchase a **used** book and pay online for access to MyMathLab when you register. The current fee for purchasing access is $72.
    - Utilize the **eBook** that is provided through Course Compass when you pay online for access to MyMathLab. The current fee for purchasing access is $72.
  - A **Graphing Calculator** with the accompanying instruction manual—the TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus graphing calculators are more than adequate for this course. (Note: The instruction manual supplies the information you will need to perform various class activities.)

- **Getting Started with MyMathLab**
  - MyMathLab is accessed from www.CourseCompass.com.
  - Your instructor will provide the **course code** that you will need to register for MyMathLab. Steps to register:

- Go to www.coursecompass.com and click the **Register** button under **Students**.
- Select the option to Get Access to a New Course.
- Type in your Course ID and click on Find Course.
- You can register for your course by either using an access code provided with a new textbook, or purchasing access online if you do not have a new textbook.
- For further assistance check out the links in the **Students** section at www.coursecompass.com.

- Learn about Course Compass by viewing the following (Adobe Flash player is required):
  - Explore Course Compass
  - Register & enroll using an access code
  - Register & enroll by purchasing online

- **Computer and System requirements:**

To work with CourseCompass, your computer must meet the following system requirements:

	Operating Systems	Browsers
PC	Windows XP	Firefox 2.0 Internet Explorer, Version 6.0 Internet Explorer, Version 7.0 Netscape Navigator, Version 7.2
	Windows Vista	Firefox 2.0 Internet Explorer, Version 7.0
Mac	Macintosh OS 10.4	Firefox 2.0 Safari 2.0 Netscape Navigator, Version 7.2
	Macintosh OS 10.5	Safari 3.1

- To use the multimedia content in your course, you may need to download and install additional software. Once you open your course, your can run the Installation Wizard, which will walk you through installing the plug-ins and players you need.
- Technical support is available through **Pearson Customer Technical Support** which can be accessed from www.coursecompass.com by clicking on the **Support** link (then you can click on any of the links to **Technical Support** on that page). You can use either the **Ask a Question** tab or the **Chat** tab at the top of the **Technical Support** page. The number for Student Technical Support is 800-677-6337.



- **Weekly Assignments**

  - **Week 1**
    - Read Sections 1.1 and 1.2 in the Text
    - Do homework for Sections 1.1, and 1.2 in MyMathLab
      (Note: You must score at least 70% on the homework assignment in order to take the next quiz. Quizzes can be retaken and require a score of at least 70%.)
  - **Week 2**
    - Take Quiz #1 in MyMathLab over Sections 1.1 and 1.2
    - Read Sections 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 in the Text
    - Do homework for Sections 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 in MyMathLab
  - **Week 3**
    - Take Quiz #2 in MyMathLab over Sections 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5
    - Read Sections 2.1 and 2.2 in the Text
    - Do homework for Sections 2.1 and 2.2 in MyMathLab
  - **Week 4**
    - Take Quiz #3 in MyMathLab over Sections 2.1 and 2.2
    - Read sections 2.3 and 2.4 in the Text
    - Do homework for Sections 2.3 and 2.4 in MyMathLab
  - **Week 5**
    - Take Quiz #4 in MyMathLab over Sections 2.3 and 2.4
    - Read Sections 5.1 and 5.2 in the Text
    - Do homework for Sections 5.1 and 5.2 in MyMathLab
  - **Week 6**
    - Take Quiz #5 in MyMathLab over Sections 5.1 and 5.2
    - Read Sections 5.3 and 5.4 in the Text
    - Do homework for Sections 5.3 and 5.4 in MyMathLab
  - **Week 7**
    - Take Quiz #6 in MyMathLab over Sections 5.3 and 5.4
    - Read Sections 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7 in the Text
    - Do homework for Sections 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7 in MyMathLab
  - **Week 8**
    - Take Quiz #7 in MyMathLab over Sections 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7
    - Read Sections 6.1, 6.2 and 7.1 in the Text
    - Do homework for Section 6.1, 6.2 and 7.1 in MyMathLab

- **Resources in MyMathLab (available after you are registered)**
  - The **Multimedia Library** contains the **Multimedia Textbook (eBook)**, Section Video Lectures, Animated explanations and problem-solving, and PowerPoint tutorials.
  - The **How to Enter Answers Using the MathXL Player** tour walks you through how to enter math notation when you're working on a homework assignment or a quiz.
  - The homework problems for each week are listed in **Do Homework**.
  - Practice Exercises (optional) are listed at the end of each section in the **Multimedia Textbook (eBook)**. Practice exercises are also listed for each section in **Study Plan**.
  - The quizzes for each week are listed in **Take a Test**.

- Practice tests (optional) are available for each chapter in **Take a Test**.
- Tutoring assistance can be obtained from the **Math Tutor Center** which is located in **Chapter Contents**.
  - The Pearson Tutor Center is available at no additional charge with your MyMathLab subscription.
  - Students need to register for Pearson Tutor services by either going to the **Math Tutor Center** in Chapter Contents, or going to www.pearsontutorservices.com and click on the **Student Information** tab.
  - Students can contact the Tutor Center up to three (3) times per night by any combination of **phone, fax, email or interactive web**. Students will receive up to 15 minutes of tutor attention per contact. The phone number for the Tutor Center is 1-800-435-4084, open 5pm to midnight (Eastern) Sun. through Thur.
  - Students can also seek help with the use of graphing calculators.

- **Keeping Track of Your Progress**
  - You will receive a progress report of your grades at the 3-week point, the 6-week point and the 8-week point.
  - Please keep your own records so that you can cross check the instructors' records with yours to ensure all is correct.

- **Important Information**
  - MyMathLab Username _____
  - MyMathLab Password _____
  - Course Code _____.
  - Instructor contact information:
    - Name _____
    - Phone _____
    - Email _____

Success Tips

- Set aside a specific time/day/place for you to do your work.
- Treat your online course with the same commitment you would a classroom experience.
- Be sure to check your Ben U email – this email account is the sole source for official university correspondence.
- Give yourself permission to contact the professor directly if you need help (phone calls and emails are welcome).
- Other students in your class are great resources – you may find that other students can explain a problem or method to solve the problem in a way that you can better understand.