FAQ’s for Online Algebra

How does an online class work?
Since we will not meet face-to-face, you will need to complete all of your work using a computer (you may use computer labs on campus, public library, etc.). All course information will be posted or linked at the course website: www.math.wichita.edu/~axmann. You will “attend” class by subscribing to the movie lecture during class time (10:30 – 11:20 M-F) or by watching/listening later in the day. During class time, you will be able to ask questions as we go through the material.

How can I be successful in an online class?
“Attend” class EVERY day or watch it soon afterwards. Complete online homework EVERY day. Ask questions through email or come to my office. If your computer breaks down or you have other technical problems at the last minute you may not be able to access lectures or tests with a time limit. Always try to have a backup plan in mind, should something go wrong. Computer breakdowns are not an excuse to stop working. Find a computer on campus, go to a friend’s house or to the local library and get your work in on time.

Am I technically prepared for an online class?
You should be able to:
- Connect to the internet with a high speed connection
- Install Java (directions on Blackboard)
- Listen to audio on your computer (you may need headphones at public computers.)

How do I submit homework assignments?
All homework is done online in Course Compass / MyMathLab, www.coursecompass.com, and the scores are submitted automatically. Keep reworking the homework until you get 100% (or close to it) on every assignment. Due dates/times are 1:00 – a bit after class. You can have extensions on a few assignments throughout the semester, just email me a request included the homework number. It is usually better to do the work late and get the practice than to miss an assignment.

Will there be tests?
Yes. The chapter tests will be online in Course Compass / MyMathLab. You will have a week to complete the tests and two attempts at each test. (Unlike the homework which has unlimited attempts.) Your midterm and final exams will be in-person on WSU campus. See the syllabus for more details.

How is this course different from the traditional course offered on campus?
The only difference is that lectures and tests are done online to meet the needs of students with time and location restraints.
Although the course may be more convenient for you than a face-to-face class, the standards are the same. If you do not have the time or energy to wholeheartedly engage in the class, you probably should not continue in it.

**Can I see my grades?**
You can view your homework and online test grades at any time on MyMathLab – you can request updates on your in-person grades by email.

**One last note:**
Remember, this course will be very challenging! You are attempting to complete an algebra course ONLINE. This course will require quite a bit of time and commitment on your part, so set plenty of time aside and be prepared!

**Instructor information:**
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