

# Welcome to Math 1118, On-line College Algebra I!



I recommend that you go through the following checklist to make sure that you are prepared for this class. Please post to the discussion board on Desire2Learn (D2L) with questions. If the questions are specific to your situation, you can e-mail me at [agallan@inverhills.edu](mailto:agallan@inverhills.edu).

1.\_\_\_\_\_ Read through the **syllabus** for this course. There is a link to the syllabus on my faculty website: <http://faculty.inverhills.edu/agallan> as well as under the Content tab on D2L. A **syllabus quiz will be due the first week of class** using the Quiz tool on D2L.

2.\_\_\_\_\_ Read through the **Week 1 Checklist** and the **Weekly Schedule** to make sure that you understand when activities, discussion posts, MML Quizzes, and the midterm and final exam are due. There is a link to the checklist and schedule on my faculty website as well as on D2L under the Content tab.

3.\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase the **necessary materials** for this course:

- **MyMathLab (MML) software access code (REQUIRED)\*\*\***
- *Precalculus Enhanced with Graphing Utilities*, 6th Edition by Sullivan and Sullivan, published by Pearson/Prentice Hall

**Hard copy of the textbook is OPTIONAL, eBook access comes automatically with MML**

You must have access to MyMathLab in order to take tests online. However, you have the option of purchasing a hard copy of the textbook shrink-wrapped with MyMathLab at the bookstore, or purchasing just the MyMathLab access code at the bookstore or at [www.pearsonmylab.com](http://www.pearsonmylab.com) and using the multimedia textbook (eBook) available on MyMathLab. The hard copy of the book will be more expensive, but it is portable and can be used in the future. The multimedia textbook is a cheaper option, but can only be accessed with an internet connection and will not be available once this course is over.

**\*\*\*If you were enrolled in MATH 1118 or 1127 during Fall semester 2012, Spring semester 2013 or Fall semester 2013, your MML access code from that course will work for this course. The textbook is also the same. You need not purchase a new textbook or a new MML access code.**

4.\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase or borrow a graphing calculator (TI-83 or TI-84 will be used for demonstrations). Other graphing calculators are allowed, but you will be responsible for learning how to use your calculator if it is different from the one I am using.)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Activate your **StarID account**. *This will be your password to all campus accounts.* To activate your StarID account go to [www.inverhills.edu](http://www.inverhills.edu) and click on the Students tab found at the top of the page. From there you will see “Activate student account.” Follow the directions listed. If you have any difficulty you can visit the computer lab on the first floor of the Library and ask a computer lab assistant to step you through the activation process.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ **Double check that the email account you have listed with e-services is an account you check frequently.** All email communication from me will be to your personal account listed with e-services. It is imperative that you check this e-mail regularly (at least twice a week). This is how I will be contacting you throughout the semester.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Go to [www.pearsonmylab.com](http://www.pearsonmylab.com) and register on MyMathLab. You will need the following course id number: **gallant09638**. Detailed instructions on how to register for MyMathLab can be found on the announcements page of D2L as well as under Content on D2L.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ After successfully registering with MyMathLab, go to [www.pearsonmylab.com](http://www.pearsonmylab.com) and click on our course, **Math 1118 Online**. Go through the **Browser Check** in order to download all needed plug-ins. Also, there is a tutorial video about entering mathematical symbols correctly in MyMathLab. There are links to both in the Announcements box when you first log-on to MyMathLab. Explore the course links and available resources. Click on **HOMEWORK** or **Quizzes and Tests** to locate the Chapter and Section HW sets and Chapter Tests that are assigned for class. The first Chapter Test is for Chapters 1&2. There are also homework assignments for the textbook sections from each chapter that are optional. You can do HW online or from your textbook, or a combination of the two. Watch the **MyMathLab Introductory Video** that I created. There is a link to this video on my faculty website as well as on the course home page on D2L, under announcements.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Explore our **D2L** page. Select the Content tab. Under Content you will find all of the course handouts including the syllabus, Weekly Checklists, Weekly Schedule, Review Sheets, Video Lectures, and Activities. Watch video tutorial about D2L if you have questions/concerns about how to view grades, post to the discussion board, access content, submit assignments to the Dropbox, or other issues. There is a video tutorial that I created about D2L on the announcement page or under Content. **Note: Most of the content for the course is available at this point. As the semester progresses, I will be updating the Activities.**
10. \_\_\_\_\_ **Make your first post to the discussion board on D2L.** This post should be a “getting to know you” post. (See my post in D2L for directions and my example.)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ **Print off the Week 1 Checklist and Weekly Schedule.** Start studying Chapters 1&2. You should begin watching the Video Lectures mentioned in the Week 1 Checklist. They can be found under Content on D2L. You can also watch video lectures on MyMathLab, read the text, and do practice problems from the book or on MyMathLab. Work exercises as necessary to practice with skills and concepts. The first Activity on Chapter 1 material can be downloaded from the Content page on D2L. *Activity 1 is due on Tuesday, 1/21 at 11 p.m.*

12. \_\_\_\_\_ Develop your strategy for learning course material.

Recommended resources:

- \* Watch my video lectures and fill in the accompanying blank notes under Content on D2L – these are important!
- \* Read the text! Work through examples in the section on which you are focusing.
- \* Watch a video lecture over the section in MyMathLab.
- \* Work through guided practice problems in the MyMathLab HW set.
- \* Work through suggested homework problems in the text.
- \* Visit my office hours (Liberal Arts 121).
- \* Visit the Math Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Library) to ask questions of the tutors.
- \* Sign up for a (free) Peer Tutor in the Peer Tutor Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Library).

**Good luck! I look forward to working with you this semester!**