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Welcome to Math 98!

**Please immediately reply to this letter by e-mailing me at [cnaught@inverhills.edu](mailto:cnaught@inverhills.edu) to inform me that you received it. If I do not get a reply I will be contacting you by phone or e-mail.**

This is an accelerated section of Math 94 and Math 99 which provides a fast-paced review of material by means of online software that accompanies your textbook. If you are able to complete and pass the required quizzes and tests on schedule, then you will be able to pass BOTH Math 94 and Math 99 in one semester! However, this course requires substantial work done outside of class at a very fast pace. Please be prepared to take tests online about once a week and do homework (HW) either online or from the textbook or both. Midterm and final exams for both Math 94 and Math 99 are paper-pencil tests that must be completed on campus.

Please make sure that you are comfortable being in an accelerated, hybrid math class. You will need to take much more responsibility for your own learning than you would in a more traditionally taught class. **You need to make sure that you have the necessary time available and the necessary motivation to devote to this course.** There are a variety of resources available to help you with the course material, including video lectures created by me, examples in the textbook, guided sample problems, video lectures and animations in MyMathLab, office hours, and tutors in the Math Center. However, it is not recommended that you take this course if you have struggled in math before or have any math anxiety. Also, if you have never taken Introductory and Intermediate Algebra before, then you should not take this class.

The software that allows you to access tests, HW and other resources (like video lectures, practice tests, etc.) is called MyMathLab. In preparation for the course, **please purchase a MyMathLab access code as soon as possible.** You can either purchase MyMathLab at the bookstore shrink-wrapped to our textbook: *Beginning and Intermediate Algebra*, 4th edition by Elayn Martin-Gay, published by Pearson/Addison-Wesley. Or you can purchase just the MyMathLab access code at [www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com) and use the multimedia textbook that is available through MyMathLab. A hard copy of the textbook purchased at the bookstore will cost more, but it is portable and can be taken anywhere and used in the future. If you purchase just the MyMathLab access code, it will be much cheaper but the multimedia textbook can only be accessed with an internet connection and you will not have access to it after this course is over. You will also need a scientific calculator, like a TI-30XII. I encourage you to register yourself on MyMathLab BEFORE the first day of class by going to [www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com) and using the course ID: **naughton39749.**

You should also explore the Inver Hills Community College Home Page and my website, <http://faculty.inverhills.edu/cnaught>. If you have not yet activated your *go.inverhills.edu* e-mail account, your I-Net account or your *Desire to Learn (D2L)* account at Inver Hills, please do this also before the first day of class. **This course will be available to you beginning August 9th. As soon as possible, please log on to Desire2Learn (D2L).** If you have never logged on to D2L before, there are login instructions on the Inver Hills webpage. To activate any student accounts (including your I-net account, *go.inverhills.edu* e-mail account or D2L), go to [www.inverhills.edu](http://www.inverhills.edu) and click on Inver Login found on the left side of the page. In the drop box you will see “Activate student accounts.” Follow the directions listed. If you have any troubles you can visit the computer lab on the first floor of the Library and have an assistant step you through the activation process. After you have logged into D2L, please click on the link for this course and click on the link in the announcements that says “**Read Me First.**” You will find a checklist there that can assist you with all that you need to do to prepare for and succeed in this course.

I strongly recommend that you begin looking at the course material as soon as possible. **The first due date is September 5th.** Once you have registered on MyMathLab, you will be able to access the Chapter Tests and can begin taking them at any time. I strongly recommend that you explore the resources available on MyMathLab, and take a look at the Chapter 1 Test. I would also recommend that you watch some of the Video Lectures that I have created for Chapter 1. All of the video lectures can be found under the Content area of D2L.

You will need to have a *go.inverhills.edu* e-mail account so that I can contact you throughout the semester. You can activate this e-mail account by going to the Inver Login page and clicking on “Activate student accounts.” **Please send me an e-mail from your *go.inverhills.edu* e-mail account** to let me know that you have received this letter and have been successful accessing MyMathLab, D2L, and all of the course materials. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me at [cnaught@inverhills.edu](mailto:cnaught@inverhills.edu).

**Before the first day of class, please do the following:**

- 1) Go to the bookstore and purchase your textbook with *MyMathLab* software (they should be shrink-wrapped together) or go to [www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com) to purchase just the MyMathLab access code.
- 2) Register yourself onto *MyMathLab* using the student access code provided in your software kit and the course ID: **naughton39749**. Click on Browser Check the first time to install the appropriate plug-ins for *MyMathLab* to work.
- 3) Activate your *go.inverhills.edu* email account: used for communication with instructor
- 4) Activate you *I-net* account: used for access to campus computers
- 5) Activate your *Desire to Learn (D2L)* account: used for accessing course materials and grades
- 6) Click on the “Read Me First” document on D2L and complete the checklist
- 7) E-mail me at [cnaught@inverhills.edu](mailto:cnaught@inverhills.edu)

**On the first day of class, please bring the following:**

- 1) Your notebook, calculator, paper and your *MyMathLab* software student access kit.
- 2) Bring your I-Net user name and password
- 3) Bring your D2L user name and password

I'm glad to have you in this class. I hope you are successful. Please e-mail me at [cnaught@inverhills.edu](mailto:cnaught@inverhills.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Carrie Naughton