

Welcome to Math 98!

I recommend that you go through the following checklist to make sure that you are prepared for this class. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at cnaught@inverhills.edu .



- _____ 1. Read through the **syllabus** for this course. There is a link to the syllabus on the announcement page of D2L or under Content.
- _____ 2. Read through the **Calendar** to make sure that you understand when Chapter tests, midterms and the final exams are due. There is a link to the calendar on the announcement page of D2L or under Content.
- _____ 3. Purchase the **necessary materials** for this course:
 - Algebra, A Combined Approach, 3rd Edition by Elayn Martin-Gay, published by Pearson/Addison Wesley
 - MyMathLab software access codeYou must have the MyMathLab software 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 www.coursecompass.com and using the multimedia textbook 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 requires an internet connection to access it and will not be available once this course is over.
- _____ 4. Purchase or borrow a calculator (TI-30XII or any scientific calculator)
- _____ 5. Activate your **I-net account**. This will enable you to login to campus computers. To activate any student accounts (including metnet e-mail and D2L), go to www.inverhills.edu and click on Inver Login found on the left side of the page. In the drop down 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 a computer lab assistant step you through the activation process.
- _____ 6. Activate your **metnet e-mail account** following the link on the Inver Hills homepage. If your login and/or password are not working, and you have initialized your account, please go to the computer lab in the Library for help. Check your metnet e-mail regularly (at least twice a week). This is how I will be contacting you throughout the semester.
- _____ 7. Go to www.coursecompass.com and register yourself on MyMathLab using the student access code you purchased in your software kit. You will need the following course id number: **naughton15474**. When prompted for Zip Code use: 55076.

_____ 8. After successfully registering into MyMathLab, go to www.coursecompass.com and click on our course, **Math 98**. Go through the **Installation Wizard** 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 resources available. Click on **HW and Tests** to locate the Chapter Tests that are assigned for class. The first test is for Chapter 1. There is also a Chapter 1 HW assignment that is optional. You can do HW online or from your textbook, or a combination of both.

_____ 9. Now you will need to explore this **D2L** page. Click on Content. Under Content you will find all of the course handouts including the syllabus, Calendar, Review Sheets, and Video Lectures. Watch video tutorials about D2L if you have questions/concerns about how to view grades, access content, or other issues.

_____ 10. Start reviewing and learning Chapter 1. Under Content on D2L, you will find video lectures that you can watch for Chapter 1 material. You can also watch video lectures on MyMathLab, read the text, and do practice problems from the book or on MyMathLab. Do problem exercises as necessary to practice with skills and concepts.

The Chapter 1 Test on MyMathLab must be passed with 85% or higher by Sunday, January 24th.

_____ 11. Develop your strategy for learning course material.

Recommended resources:

*Watch my video lectures under Content on D2L.

*The text! Read 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 MyMathLab.

*Work through suggested homework problems in the text.

*Visit my office hours (Library 247).

*Visit the Math Center (2nd Floor of the Library) to ask questions of the tutors.

*Sign up for a Peer Tutor in the Peer Tutor Center (2nd Floor of the Library) (it's free!).

_____ 12. E-mail me at cnaught@inverhills.edu and let me know that you have successfully accessed all of these materials. **You must e-mail me before the first day of class!**

Good luck and I'm glad you are in this class!