

INFORMATION ABOUT MATH 117 ONLINE

This is always subject to change up until the start of the course and during the first week or so. Please check back regularly.

Hello Math 117 Online Students:

Welcome and thank you for enrolling in Math 117 for the upcoming semester. Hopefully I can answer some of your questions.

In addition to everything mentioned here, I have set up a site to help you prepare for the course. The site is <http://mathgilbert.org>. I have posted login instructions as well as text purchase options. Please check out this site in addition to reading through this entire document. Not all documents have been updated since the previous semester. This is an ongoing process.

The course is fully online **HOWEVER** some of the exams do take place on campus. The dates and times of the exams can be found in the syllabus once the course begins and at the site mathgilbert.org. All in person exams take place in the evening unless you take it with a proctor. It can be scheduled for anytime during the scheduled date of the exam with a proctor.

If you are unable to attend campus because you live out of the area or have other class conflicts, you may use a proctor for these exams, if I approve of the proctor. Just to let you know, I am very strict when it comes to the use of proctors. The proctor you find must be a full time college professor or a testing center in your area. A good example of a testing center would be either a testing center at a local college or a center such as Sylvan Learning Centers. These are just a couple ideas and there are many other options. In many cases, students have found it easier to attend campus for the exams than to use a proctor. Once you enter the course, there is more information in Canvas related to proctors. There is no need to take care of this prior to the start of the semester.

Other than the exams, the course is fully online. Quizzes are taken online and any other assignments required of you should be available online or on your own personal computer. The orientation is available online on Monday when the class officially begins. You will find a link to the orientation on the homepage of the course. This orientation is inside the course so there will be no access to it until the first day of class. There is no mandatory on campus orientation.

Your homework and quizzes are completed at a site called Hawkes. You will need to enroll in Hawkes using a course code and a student access code that is currently bundled with the text in the SBCC bookstore. I have a link in Canvas that should help you enroll. This does not need to be done until the course begins.

The course will not be active until Monday when the semester begins. If you attempt to login to the course before then, it may fail. On Monday, you will be able to do so. Many students have difficulties logging in because they simply forget required passwords. Please write them down and keep them private. Take care of any computer issues immediately so the rest of the semester flows smoothly and you do not fall behind. In order to login on the first day, please follow these steps.

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To Log in to your course:

Your course is taught through Canvas. To access your course, please do the following:

- Step 1. Go to <http://pipeline.sbcc.edu> and use your Pipeline ID and password to log into Pipeline.
- Step 2. Select the Log into canvas link possibly along the top right of the screen.
- Step 3. A page containing a list of links to every course you are signed up for will appear.
- Step 4. Select the link for individual class to access the course shell, e.g., MATH 117

HELP with Canvas:

Call the online student help desk at 805-965-0581, X2949 or complete the web help form at: <http://support.sbcc.edu/contact/>

Course Requirements:

For the course, there are a few items required and they should be available at the bookstore. The easiest way to get all the required materials is to purchase the bundle in the bookstore. The bundle in the bookstore should include the following except the graphing calculator.

1. The text by Warren, Denley and Atchley, 3rd ed., titled “Beginning Statistics”.
2. Hawkes Access Code
3. A graphing calculator (TI83 or 84). The 84 will have everything needed for the course. The TI 83 lacks one function but can be used for the course.

Please make sure that these are all available in the bookstore prior to the start of the semester. They can also be ordered online by going to the SBCC online bookstore or the publisher Hawkes website. I do have more text purchase options such as the Etext and access code mentioned in Canvas and also at www.mathgilbert.org

Please understand something about the course. It **IS NOT** easier than an on campus course because you do not have to attend campus for class. Over the past few semesters, I have found that discipline is the major factor. You must have the discipline to login and take care of the required assignments in a timely manner. Don't wait! Many students have found that if they don't have to go to class, time management on their part is difficult to manage. Once you fall behind, it is very difficult to catch back up. I am mentioning these concerns because I hope that you are taking this online course for the correct reasons. The correct reasons are for you to determine. The incorrect reason is that you think it will be easier because it is online.

I look forward to meeting each of you online and watch for future emails from me. Have fun and good luck with the semester.

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