

INFORMATION ABOUT ONLINE MATH 114

The following is always subject to change. Changes are likely as I prepare for the upcoming semester session.

Hello Math 114 Online Students:

Welcome and thank you for enrolling in Math 114 for the upcoming semester. Hopefully I can answer some of your questions. I wish I could tell you I have everything figured out but unfortunately, I cannot. I was just assigned this course and currently working on what might be the best way to proceed. I'm constantly rethinking this online journey for the better. Don't worry, we got this!

In addition to what I have here, I have created a very simple site with some course information such as the syllabus and "how to login" when the course becomes available. Please be aware that the info on this site could change as I am preparing for your first day. Changes are likely. The site is mathgilbert.org

Many of the details for this semester are still to be determined. The course is an online course however, all SBCC online or hybrid math courses require in person exams. The exams will take place on campus or with an approved proctor if you are out of the area. You do not have to be in Santa Barbara to take this course. To help with schedules, I'm planning the semester as if it were a MWF course. I'm doing this for planning, scheduling and time management purpose's. Don't worry, you can adjust for any sort of schedule you prefer as long as the deadlines are met.

Over the week, I'll be updating the files found in Canvas and on Monday, Canvas will be available to you. In Canvas, I'll have a brief online/hybrid orientation, a syllabus, semester schedule and other course details. Course material will be presented in both Canvas and Aleks.

For your course, we use Aleks software based on the 4th edition Sobecki text. The syllabus will have more information and the bookstore does have all required materials. If a hard copy text is preferred, you should be able to find some used copies online to accompany the required Aleks.

The course is what we call asynchronous. There is no set meeting times since it is an online course. Students will have different schedules with other classes so material will be available all week. Deadlines are Sunday night each week. I will have a schedule posted in Canvas that you should follow with all the deadlines shown. While you can cover the material at your pace throughout the week, you will need to meet each week's set of deadlines. As you can expect, time management will be key here.

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.

To Log in to your course:

Your course is taught/hosted 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

You may be prompted to complete a profile the first time you log into Canvas. Update all your information here.

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/>

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

I reserve the right to change this course or it's syllabus at any time as I see fit.

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