

Math courses online at SIU!

Are you interested in taking College Algebra (Math 108), Business Calculus (Math 140), or Contemporary Mathematics (Math 101) online at Southern Illinois University? Here are several issues worth considering.

1. How is the course designed/set up?

- The course is set up similar to a traditional course with the only exception being students will view recorded lectures. For Math 108 only, this includes the no calculator policy. **The online course is not “easier” than the traditional course. In fact, it requires more self-motivation.**
 - In Math 108 and Math 140, there will be approximately 3 written exams and a written final. For Math 101, the tests will be multiple choice and taken online (proctored). Local students (within a 40 minute drive) should take the exams on campus at the Testing Center in Woody Hall. Other students will be allowed to use a college or university testing center or a public library as a proctor. Students will need to arrange a proctor at the beginning of the semester. **Students are responsible for scheduling their test day at least 2 days in advance.**
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2. How will assignments be submitted?

- All homework and quizzes are submitted into Mylabsplus (see Q 6 for specific instructions on how to purchase access to MLP). Assignments have specific opening and closing dates.
 - For Math 108 and Math 140 only, written assignments (in the form of worksheets) will be scanned in and submitted to your virtual drop box.
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3. What type of help is available?

There are lecture videos for each section covered in the course syllabus. These videos cover the same material and/examples that appear in the course notes.

- Alongside every homework problem is a list of learning aids including Help Me Solve This, Videos, Animations and access to E-Textbook.
 - For students who are able to come to campus, the math computer lab (Morris Library rm 0174) and the tutoring center in Trueblood Hall is open many hours each week.
 - Virtual office hours available by appointment. Traditional office hours in the Neckers building will be offered by your instructor.
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4. What materials must be purchased?

EVERYONE ENROLLED IN THE COURSE must have access to MyLabsPlus. If you are not a local student and are enrolled in Math 108, you should contact the University Bookstore in the SIU Student Center <<http://www.bkstr.com>> immediately to purchase the required materials so that you have them at the start of class.

For Math 108, you should purchase the Algebra & Trigonometry ValuPak-SIUC, which is around \$117. It comes with the lecture notes, textbook, as well as the My Labs Plus Access code.

For Math 140, you can purchase the access code online for about \$95 (that comes with an e-book) OR you can purchase Calculus and Its Applications, VP with MML Plus by Bittinger at LOCAL bookstores. This has the access code AND a physical copy of the textbook.

For Math 101, you can purchase the access code online for about \$95 (that comes with an e-book) OR you can purchase Intro to Contemporary Mathematics Package Southern Illinois University-Carbondale at LOCAL bookstores, for about

\$117. This has the access code AND a physical copy of the textbook. The extra \$20 might be worth the physical copy of the textbook.

5. Am I a good candidate for an online (math) course?

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6. How do I get started?

All enrolled students will receive an email (to your SIU e-mail account) one week prior to the start of the semester explaining how to access the course and register your code. You will login to the class by logging into Salukinet and clicking on “My Records” and following the Pearson My Labs Plus link.

7. Questions about Math 108 or Math 101? E-mail Thara Lowndes at tlowndes@siu.edu

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