Welcome to Mediated Mathematics Learning!

This classroom environment is probably different than others you may have experienced. It is a seamless, interactive approach to learning fundamental mathematics. You will work independently and at your own pace. This requires discipline and organization if you intend to complete one or both courses in a specified time period. Please note the pace-keeper schedules located in every corner of the classroom.

Software Menu:

Overview: This is a practice test covering all the material in the chapter. It is a good idea to save this until after completing all the chapter work. Passing with a score of 90 or above on each section can be counted as an Evaluate score. This can only be taken once.

Explain: This section is the actual lesson instruction. Make sure to complete each section. You may go through this as many times as necessary.

Apply: These are practice problems. Make sure to complete each section. You may go through this as many times as necessary, but only the first score will be saved. The score does not affect your grade.

Explore: Do this only if it is highlighted. (Not for MA01)

Evaluate: This test should be taken after completing both Explain and Apply. You have ONLY 3 chances to score a 75 or higher. After that, I will have to make up a special written test for you.

Homework: This will be assigned to only MA07 students after completing the Explain and Apply sections. If you pass the Evaluate for that section, however, it is not necessary that you do that part of the homework assignment.

Written Exams:

You are required to take written exams according to the pace-keeper schedule. Each written exam (other than the first) will have review questions from your previous topics. This is to facilitate retention and to prepare you for the final cumulative examination.
Attendance:

**COLLEGE-WIDE ATTENDANCE POLICY:** All Students are expected to attend every session of each course for which they are registered. Students are responsible for all that transpires in class whether or not they are in attendance. The College defines excessive absence as more than the equivalent of one week of class meetings during a normal semester. Excessive absence will lead to failure of the course and/or removal from the class roster.

If a student misses more than 3 classes, they will receive an unsatisfactory grade.

**Lateness and leaving early:** This is a one hour and forty minute class. You have committed to this time twice a week. I will take attendance twice during each class. Once at approximately 10 minutes after the start of class and again during the last five minutes. If you are not here at either of those times you will receive a demerit. Four demerits equal one absence.

**Student Requirements:**

Students are required to attend class, complete computer modules and homework as needed, and take all written examinations at the proper time. Students are also required to be respectful of the instructor and classmates during class. Disruptive students will be asked to leave. Please read your college handbook if you have any doubts about what proper classroom decorum entails.

**How to be successful in the Mediated Math learning environment:**

1) Come to class on time and prepared to work for the entire length of the class (1hr 50min).
2) Attend all scheduled classes ON TIME. Absences will cause you to get behind or to receive a failing grade. Each lateness will count as ½ an absence.
3) To complete the course in one semester, keep pace with the target dates.
4) Bring notebook, writing implement, and textbook to each class. No scrap paper will be required. You will not be permitted to work in class at a terminal without an open notebook and writing implement at your work station.
5) Always use headphones. Many things are spoken and not written on the screen.
6) Take advantage of the extra computer time in the ASC and work on-line from home.
7) Do homework! Practice problems are essential in learning mathematics.
8) Take the practice test in the textbook before taking the computer Evaluate.
9) Be sure to go through the Explain section before you say "I don't understand".
10) Ask for help. If you need extra help attend my office hours or visit the ASC for tutoring.

**Textbook and Software:**

Get your textbook and validation disc (bound together) ASAP so you can log in at home. I will collect your validation discs from you and you will be enrolled by the next class.

You may install this software at home and SUPPLEMENT YOUR CLASSWORK using the CDs provided with your textbook. WORKING AT HOME IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CLASSWORK. Keep the CDs at home. If you have trouble with installation, call the 800 number provided in your text or email Academic Systems.

Some public libraries will install for you. You will still need to bring your CDs with you.

**Free Tutoring:**

Students should be aware of the Academic Skills Center (ASC) in Orient 234 (x2594) where FREE tutoring and extra help is available. In the center there are 2 computers that are available for MALA students during their regular hours of operation. These computers have the software installed and you may log-in and work as you do during class time. You do not need any disks. I will also make myself available to students for extra help outside of class on a 1:1 basis. Please call or speak with me to set up an appointment. No appointment is necessary if you wish to drop in during my office hours. I am happy to assist any student who wants to succeed. Please take advantage of the opportunities and resources available to you here at SCCC.

**NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THIS CLASSROOM AT ANYTIME!**