

Welcome to Basic Mathematics!

There are many reasons why students take a Basic Mathematics class. Sometimes students need a review of mathematical operations. Some students need to fill in missing knowledge which they've never learned or have forgotten. All of these students are building a stronger foundation of math knowledge on which they will build the next layer of math. Learning math is a little like building a multi-story building. The foundation needs to be solid so that the succeeding layers will not tumble down. Arithmetic is the layer on which beginning algebra is built. That, in turn, is the layer on which intermediate algebra, statistics, and many technical math courses depend. *In your Basic Math class you are building a firm foundation in math so that you have the skills you will need to be successful in your next math classes.* Don't allow any cracks in your foundation.

As you begin your studies in Basic Math, always keep in mind your long-term goals. Be aware of how your success in this class will help you attain those goals. *Approach each short-term task as one of the many steps in achieving your long-term goal.* Because of this, it is extremely important that you do the following:

- ✓ Attend each class
- ✓ Take careful notes
- ✓ Keep all your work organized in a notebook
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Do all the homework assigned
- ✓ Become familiar with your instructor's office hours
- ✓ Ask for tutoring help outside of class as soon as necessary
- ✓ Visit the [Math Lab](#) for help!

Learn to manage your time effectively, and find ways to overcome any anxiety you may feel. *These are the keys to your success in math.*

You are about to embark on an exciting challenge. Remember that your instructor wants you to be successful, but you will need to work hard. It may not always be easy, but the rewards are great. If I can be of any help to you, please feel free to contact me.

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