

What You Need to Know About Math 110 Section C100

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Hi everyone! As you have probably already noticed, section C100 is different from the other Math 110 courses in Spring 2012, in that it only meets for an hour in lecture once per week, rather than meeting for an hour in lecture 3 times a week, plus a weekly recitation (for homework help and quiz-taking with a teaching assistant), which is what the other sections do.

This is because section C100 is a new version of Math 110, wherein rather than sitting passively in lecture taking notes, you are continually engaged with the material by having to work problems at a computer and receive immediate feedback on your work (the vehicle for this is MyMathLab, which the other sections will also be using for their homework assignments). The difference is that we will have slightly more problems to work in MyMathLab for homework, and we'll also be taking our quizzes and tests (except for the final departmental exam) via MyMathLab.

How Will I Succeed Within This New Class Format (and what are the additional requirements)?

Since you'll have less classroom time to see the concepts summarized, it is **absolutely imperative** that you use all of the resources available to you whenever you need help or have questions. You will need to do the following:

- Spend at least 3 hours per week in the Math Lab, located in Graham Hall Room 235 (this is an ITS computer lab which will be staffed by a graduate teaching assistant or myself on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.) This is not optional. These 3 hours per week are part of your attendance/participation grade, which is worth 100 points. Your attendance in the lab will be recorded by a OneCard reader where you will swipe your card when entering and leaving the lab.
- Visit Blackboard to view my Math 110 lecture notes from previous semesters. They will be broken down by chapter, and will be uploaded to the "Content" section of our course Blackboard page.
- Keep a notebook and take careful, organized notes (separated by chapter) when working problems in MyMathLab. It's also a good idea to label each problem you're working on with the section and name of the concept it's associated with in the text.
- Get at least an 80% on every MyMathLab assignment: this is a requirement for being able to take the weekly quizzes. You get to rework homework problems until you get them right, and you also have access to help in the Math Lab, so there is no reason why everyone cannot achieve this.

For information on the grading scale and schedule of assignments, quizzes, and tests for Math 110 Section C, please visit the “Information” section of our Blackboard page. This information should also be distributed in hard copy form on the first day of class.

For general information about all sections of math 110 (the textbook used, prerequisites, calculator policy, etc.), visit the Math 110 Spring 2012 homepage:
<http://www.math.niu.edu/courses/math110/>

For information on how to get started in MyMathLab, visit this page:
<http://www.math.niu.edu/courses/math110/current/mymathlab.html>