MyMathLab for NIU Math 110 students

The Login page for MyMathLab: mymathlab.com

General Instructions

MyMathLab is a website that organizes homework, interactive tutorials, videos, and other resources into learning units for each chapter of the text. It is provided by Pearson Education, Inc., the publisher of our textbook. The program is on Pearson servers, which means that all technical questions must be addressed to them, not to NIU personnel. The program is useful because it allows math symbols to be used, and makes it possible to do online assignments. It also gives you immediate feedback, so you know whether you’re doing the homework correctly or not.

If you purchased your textbook on campus, it should include an access code to allow you to register for MyMathLab. If you purchased a textbook that does not include an access code, you can buy one from the MyMathLab site for $85.50. (See Blackboard under the “Information” tab for more info and options regarding textbooks.)

MyMathLab is accessible over the internet, which is a good feature. Unfortunately, it requires a plugin that works only with a PC. MyMathLab isn’t available yet on MAC or LINUX machines (with some exceptions; they’re continually working to make MyMathLab more universally accessible). The good news is that MyMathLab is available in all of the ITS labs on campus, in addition to the Graham Hall math lab (GH235).

There are weekly homework assignments divided into A and B (the A problems allow you to use features like “Help Me Solve This” and “View an Example,” while the B problems force you to test your ability to do the problems correctly without these features). You can work on some problems in an assignment, and come back later to finish the rest. If you get an answer wrong, you can try it again, though the program will then give you a slightly different question. While you are solving the problem, you can ask the program to show you a relevant example. Most students really like this feature. It will help you see what your answer should look like too, since the program is quite particular about the form of your answers. It is easy to become addicted to this help feature, so the second part of each homework assignment forces you to look for examples in the textbook, or to ask for help if you are unsure of the concepts behind the problem. Each homework assignment is worth 10 points (your overall total of problems correctly completed between the A and B sections is added up and divided by the total number of problems for those sections. This score is then scaled out of 10 points).

You will have about 9 days (sometimes more, starting from when the assignment becomes available) to complete each homework assignment and to attempt the corresponding quiz (you get two quiz attempts). In MyMathLab and Blackboard, you can find all of these due dates.

Instructions for Registering for MyMathLab

Your instructor will give you a Course ID for your particular section. It will begin with the instructors name. Do not use the Course ID from another section, because your instructor needs to be able to find your scores.
Please use your first and last names as they appear on NIU documents, so that your instructor can be sure to connect your MyMathLab scores with your name on the official NIU grade roll.

**Steps to Register in MyMathLab (for New Users)**

1. Open Internet Explorer (MyMathLab should also work in Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox, though there are occasional glitches).
2. Go to mymathlab.com.
3. Under Register, click Student.
4. Enter your Course ID number (teacher’s last name and 5 digits, no space) and click Continue.
5. Follow the instructions to create an account. Use your NIU email address (or the e-mail address you check most often). Your email address should also be used for your username if it helps you to remember it more easily. Read and accept the License Agreement and Privacy Policy.
7. Enter your 5-word MyMathLab access code (should have been included with your textbook, or in the folder if you bought only an access code at the bookstore; or you can buy it on-line from Pearson now), click Next.
8. Once your registration is complete, print the Confirmation page as your receipt. **Remember to write down your username and password.**
9. Click on Log in Now Under MyLab/Mastering. Enter your username and password, and click Sign In.
10. Click on the Math 110 course. Choose HOMEWORK from the left menu and start doing the first homework.
11. If you would like to get started working right away (highly recommended) but you currently lack funds for the access code, talk to your instructor about a temporary free access code.

Contact Product Support at [http://www.mymathlab.com/student-support](http://www.mymathlab.com/student-support) for live CHAT, email or phone support.

**To use your own computer**

If you are going to access MyMathLab from your own computer, click the Installation Wizard or Browser Check on the Announcements page. After completing the installation process and closing the wizard, you will be on your course homepage.