Welcome to the Online Math 1050 course!

If you logon to the course via USU Canvas, you should be directed to the Online 1050 homepage:


Be sure to check out the links, especially the course syllabus.

eMail: If you need to contact me, please use bob@math.usu.edu. Do not use Canvas for email.

Text and Software Installation: If you haven’t already downloaded and installed the software, complete the following steps.

1. Click on the link below, choose Utah State University, choose Precalculus and add to the Cart. It isn’t necessary but you may also want to purchase the Precalculus eBook; it is only $10.00.


2. Hawkes Software Installation: Once you have the access code, follow the installation and set-up instructions that can be viewed at

http://www.hawkeslearning.com/Support/InstallationInstructions.htm

The Hawkes Course ID is USUPRC. Be certain to choose the correct section. For Spring Semester 2016, the section is Online Math 1050 Spring 2016.

Software Overview: You will benefit greatly from the award winning Hawkes Learning System. The courseware for each lesson consists of three modes:

1. Instruct is a multimedia presentation of each topic. The Instruct mode
provides definitions, rules and properties, along with example problems, important hints, and helpful notes to enhance students’ learning experience. Narration, videos and ‘Your Turns’ are available for an interactive presentation of the material.

2. Practice teaches problem-solving skills. Problems in each lesson are algorithmically generated to allow unlimited practice. Intelligent feedback is provided on incorrect answers, and you have access to the Interactive Tutor for help with every problem.

3. Certify is where you do the homework. Each lesson contains a homework assignment with algorithmically generated problems. No two students receive the same assignment! Each certification is based on mastery-level learning, allowing you to work at your own pace. Once you achieve mastery-level learning for a lesson, you are allowed to continue to the next lesson.

Video Tutorials: There are also numerous video tutorials that will help you learn the material and prepare you for the exams. There is a lecture video for each of the lessons and numerous problem-example videos based on the same problem types as those on the exams.

Exams: Your tests are all proctored, usually at the nearest USU regional facility; click on the Tests tab for more information. Your tests will be completed using WebTest, which is part of the Hawkes Learning System. WebTest is a state-of-the-art, online testing system that creates unique tests, and homework assignments for each student. The tests are randomly generated using a variety of problem types and parameters. They are based on the same problem types that are used to build your homework lessons. Practice tests are available; just go to Hawkes WebTest and choose a practice exam not the actual exam. Before you take an exam, you should complete a few practice tests since they are generated just like the actual tests. After you have completed an examination, I will review your exam and give you additional points for partial credit when it is appropriate. You don’t need to contact me, just check the Hawkes Gradebook for your
revised score a few days after it is submitted.

**Schedule:**

You can work at your own pace but there are deadlines for the exams.

- Test 1 must be completed by March 1, 2016.
- Test 2 must be completed by April 15, 2016.
- Test 3 must be completed by April 29, 2016.
- The Final Test must be completed by May 6, 2016.

**Do Not Get Behind!**

Best regards,

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