

Greetings!

The following is some important information about your Math class at University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), this semester.


IMPORTANT: The MyMathLab access code includes the availability of an e-text, and is much cheaper for you than purchasing the text/code bundle from the bookstore. If you want a paper text you can either 1) use a copy from the reserve shelf in McKeldin, 2) purchase the text/code bundle from the bookstore, or 3) purchase a used or new copy from an outside source.


There are two kinds of homework: textbook Practice and MyMathLab.

Practice Homework is listed on the course schedule and is from the textbook. It is not going to be computed in your grade. **However, this does not mean it is not important!** These exercises are the practice that will help you to learn the material. Do the practice homework *before* tackling MyMathLab. You need to be able to correctly answer all of the assigned problems. Ask questions about these in your discussion section, or in my office hours, or in a tutoring session. The Math Dept. tutoring room should start its full schedule by the second week of classes. Math Success should be starting up about the same time. Schedules for both can be found by following the appropriate links from <http://www2.math.umd.edu/~tjp> > Math 120.

How do you access the electronic textbook? Click on “Course Tools” in the menu to the left, then select “HTML eBook”.

Need help as you are working on MyMathLab assignments? Click on the “Question Help” pull-down menu and use the following helps:

 [Help Me Solve This](#)

 [View an Example](#)

 [Textbook](#)

Want to look over assignments past their due date? Go to the Gradebook and click on the “Review” link next to each assignment.

The graded portion of your homework will be submitted online in ELMS/Canvas using MyMathLab software provided by the publisher of your textbook. See the instructions below for accessing your graded homework online. **Most importantly: You must access MyMathLab through ELMS/Canvas, and not through Pearson’s website** to ensure that your homework grades get recorded properly.

If you get to a page asking for a course ID, then you are following an incorrect route.

“120 Chapter O Hwk” and “120 Getting Ready for Ch 1 Hwk” will be available to you on the day before classes start.

“120 Section 1.1 Hwk” and “120 Section 1.2 Hwk” will become available to you on the day that classes start.

The rest of the MyMathLab Homework links will be activated approximately one week before their due dates.

The [Assignments](#) link and [Syllabus](#) links on the left side of your ELMS/Canvas page will help you to keep track of Homework assignments and their due dates.

The [MyLab](#) and [Mastering](#) link on the left is the path you need to use to access, and do, the assignments. (On the MyMathLab page, look for the [MyMathLab All Assignments](#) link.)

The following are the basic steps you need to take to link your ELMS/Canvas account to MyMathLab so you can access graded Homework assignments.

A detailed version of these instructions can be found following this link:

[MyMathLab and ELMS/Canvas Student Help](#).

1. Go to elms.umd.edu and log in to your Math 120 ELMS/Canvas page.
2. Click on the [MyLab](#) and [Mastering](#) link, then click on the [MyMathLab All Assignments](#) link.

The first time you access a Homework assignment through ELMS/Canvas, you will be prompted to sign in and register. You must sign in with your Pearson account username and password. If you do not have a Pearson account, you can create one as part of the registration process.

After signing in or registering, your payment options appear.

3. You can choose to:

- Purchase access with a credit card.
- Redeem a MyLab or Modified Mastering access code that you already purchased. (Here at UMCP, an access code is bundled with the textbook, or can be purchased as a separate item, at the campus bookstore.)
- Request temporary access so you can pay later.

After this one-time process, you will be able click on the Homework links on the Math 120 [MyMathLab All Assignments](#) page to launch individual Homework assignments. After linking your accounts, you will never be prompted to sign in to your Pearson account again from within ELMS/Canvas.

Important note: You will need to purchase an access code only once. In the future, if you move on to Math 121, or repeat Math 120, the same access code will work.

Troubleshooting Tips:

Clicking on MyLab and Mastering opens up a new tab, in which you will work on your assignments within MyMathLab's servers.

If you find that these links do not seem to be working, try the following.

- 1) Reboot your computer; your RAM may be too fragmented for links to work properly.
- 2) Make sure that your browser is set to allow popups from myelms.umd.edu. If the popup blocker is on, the links may not work properly.
- 3) Try accessing MyMathLab from a different browser.
- 4) Try accessing MyMathLab from a different computer.

If none of these steps work, you'll need to see me either during office hours or make an appointment so I can see for myself what is going wrong, and possibly diagnose it.

Another noteworthy item:

Use the "Save" button to save your work often! In this way, a computer crash or Internet connection failure won't result in lost work and time.

Still another noteworthy item:

The scores you earn on the MyMathLab assignments do not appear in the ELMS/Canvas gradesheet right away. Instead, all scores from every student are sent to ELMS/Canvas all at once on a periodic basis. In general, the migration will happen every two to three days.

If you receive an email, it only means that the scores you have achieved in MyMathLab up to that time have been migrated over to the ELMS/Canvas gradesheets. Any work you do after that time will be added in the next migration of scores.

If you have any questions, send me an email at TJP@math.umd.edu.