Success-In-Progress Three Rivers Community College Syllabus for Spring 2008

Welcome to Success-In-Progress!

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Success-in-Progress is a new course offering for students who are better served by working at their own pace via the website <u>www.MyMathLab.com</u>.

Successful completion of this course will require that you demonstrate proficiency at your current level of mathematics studies, and then, as time allows, use the remaining weeks of the semester to begin the next level of course studies.

<u>Proficiency requirements</u>: You will demonstrate your mastery of the concepts in your course of study by successfully completing:

- a) the chapter exams posted in MyMathLab, and any subsequent assignments as tracked by the "study plan", and
- b) A minimum score of 73% on the final exam required by the mathematics department.

You should already be enrolled in a course of study with MyMathLab. You will continue with the same course of study. Your prior record will be transferred to this course by clicking on "enroll in another course" and using the codes posted below.

If you are not currently enrolled in MyMathLab, you will need to register on the <u>www.coursecompass.com</u> website. You may register with the student packet supplied with your textbook or with a credit card. You will be prompted to enter the code that comes with the packet. Please record your choices for your username and password. You will need those each time you log into MyMathLab. Your home computer may need to install "installation wizard", and "allow pop-ups on this site only". The zip code for Norwich is 06360. MyMathLab is currently not compatible with Windows Vista.

Also, at any time during the semester, after the required proficiency levels have been demonstrated, the codes listed below will enable you to register for the next level.

Pre-Algebra	Mat 075	CRN 10974	code: butler48125
Elementary Algebra	Math 095	CRN 10975	code: butler48072
Intermediate Algebra	Math 137	CRN 1096	code: butler82403

Registering for the next level will require purchasing the textbook and materials for the next course. This will provide you with another registration packet and student code.

Grading Policy: A student will receive one of the following grades: A, A-, B+, B, B-. C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F, W, I, P, or Audit.

Determination of your grade will be based on:

A) the average of all exams taken according to your individual study plan and goals and

B) your attendance record. Any more than 4 absences may, as determined by the instructor, drop your grade one level: A to A-, B+ to B, and so on.

Grade Equivalents:

А	93 - 100	C+	77 -79	
A-	90 - 92		С	73 - 76
			C-	70 - 72
B+	87 - 89			
В	83 - 86		D+	67 - 69
B-	80 - 82		D	63 - 66
			D-	60–62
			F	59 or lower

Please note that a grade of C or better is required to go on to the next course.

Withdrawal Policy: A "drop or withdrawal" from the course will be accepted through the 10th week of classes in accordance with the designated withdrawal deadlines. Students need to fill out the special withdrawal form available at the registrar's office: Withdrawals are processed only through the Registrar's Office at (860) 892-5756 or the Subase at (860) 445-5575. Students who do not withdraw, but stop attending will be assigned an "F".

Disabilities Statement: If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact the disabilities Counseling Services at 383-3240. To avoid any delay in the receipt of accommodations, you should contact the counselor as soon as possible. Please note that I cannot provide accommodations based upon disability until I have received an accommodation letter from the disabilities counselor.

General Tips for Success

<u>Attend all class periods</u>. Make sure your work hours do not conflict with your course schedule. Most students do not pass algebra after more than 4 absences.

Do your homework, "practice makes perfect", especially algebra!

<u>Check your work</u>. If you have made a mistake try to figure out what went wrong. Then correct your mistake. Rework the problem from the beginning.

<u>Learn from your mistakes</u>. <u>Don't skip steps</u>. Skipping steps will ultimately waste your time from making simple errors.

<u>Regular attendance</u> is vital to your success in this course (I can't stress that enough!).

<u>Ask questions</u>! My experience tells me that if you have a question, then at least 5 other classmates have the same question. There is no such thing as a stupid question.

<u>Take notes</u>. Jot down notes as you go through the MyMathLab instruction segments, take notes from the blackboard, do your homework assignments in a notebook, use your notebook to work out the online assignments and tutorials.

DO NOT try to do it all 'in your head'. Skipping steps will ultimately waste your time from making simple errors.

"I hear and I forget, I see and I understand, I do and I learn."

-Confucius

Translation: You have to **do** the math to **learn** the math!

Best wishes for a successful semester!