

- What You Can Expect from Me:
  - Who I Am:
    - My education.
    - My teaching philosophy:
      - Intense, highly driven perfectionist. If you are not one too, extra hard work is required to achieve my expectation of high level of scholarship.
      - As your instructor, my purpose is to enable you to learn math *yourself*.
  - I will meet you **halfway** – and no more. What does this mean for *your responsibilities*?
  
- What I Can Expect from You:
  - Eliminate Your Roadblocks:
    - You *must* figure out your: work schedule, ride situation, babysitting timetable, and all your other personal responsibilities.
    - I want you to complete these tasks *this week*.
  - Study Time:
    - I expect you will devote **1+ hours** each day at home working on MAT 025 homework. Do homework and tests *sequentially*.
  - Attend Class:
    - Absences may be submitted into the Connect2Success system and stored in your permanent academic record at DCCC.
    - Email me if you cannot attend class.
    - If you are sick, do not come in for class.
  - More:
    - You must show *patience* and *perseverance*, although speed of calculation is key. Being **impatient, upset**, and **giving up** are major reasons students fail in math. Math and emotions do not mix. You cannot think logically when emotionally rattled.
    - Enroll only in the number of courses that you can handle per semester.
    - Put away your cell phone. It is a detriment to your learning.

- MyLab Foundational Skills:
  - No textbook used in this course.
  - You need a *notebook* to write your assignments.
    - Pages must be bound to be a notebook; or use a three-ring binder.
    - A pile of loose-leaf papers is **not** a notebook.
    - If you cannot afford a notebook, let me know in private.
  - Outside of class, use any computer with internet access. Free internet access at:
    - Learning Commons at any DCCC branch location.
      - Do this if you do not have a computer.
    - Your local library. Some stores like Starbucks or Barnes & Noble.
  - **No calculator** is to be used for any purpose. Do not even use one to check an answer that you already fully completed manually. I do not want to see a calculator out and this includes your phone calculator.
  
- Class Break: In a **three-hour** class, we will all take a 15-minute break at the midway point.
  
- Monthly Meetings: **Downingtown** class will end early at **2:15pm** on those Fridays to attend meetings at Marple. I will let you know the dates.
  
- Survey Feedback: Complete the survey that will be emailed to you at end of the semester.