

- What You Can Expect from Me:

- Who I Am:

- [My Bio](#).

- My teaching philosophy:

- Intense, highly driven perfectionist. If you are not one too, extra hard work is required to achieve my expectation of a high level of scholarship.
- As your instructor, my purpose is to enable you to learn math *yourself*.

- I Will Meet You Halfway:

- I will do *my part* in helping you succeed in this course.
- I cannot – and will not – carry you across the finish line. You must do that.
- What does this mean for *your responsibilities*?

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- 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*.

- Attend Class:

- If you cannot attend, **email me before class** to let me know.
- If you are sick (COVID-19, flu, RSV, cold, etc.), **do not attend class**. Email me.
- Absences may be submitted into the Connect2Success system and stored in your permanent academic record at DCCC.

- Positive Attitude:

- 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 don't mix. You can't think logically when emotionally rattled.
- Put away your cell phone. It is a detriment to your learning.

- Study Time:

- I expect you will devote **"x" hours** each day at home working on MAT 025 homework. This may mean **2** hours, **3** hours, **4+** hours of homework daily.
- You must do what must be done to pass this course.
- You may have to reduce your work hours to give yourself more time to study.
- I recommend enrolling in the number of courses you can handle each semester. Course load affects the amount of time you have available for study.

- **MyMathTest:**
 - Textbook is not used in this course.
 - You do need a *notebook* to write your assignments.
 - Pages must be bound to be a notebook; three-ring binder acceptable.
 - 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 a computer with internet access. Get free internet access at:
 - Learning Commons at a DCCC branch center. Also, use the Learning Commons if you do not have a computer to complete your homework.
 - Your local library or some stores like Starbucks or McDonald's.
 - **No calculator** is to be used for any purpose.
 - Do not use one to check an answer that you already 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.

- **Survey Feedback:**
 - Complete the course survey that will be emailed to you at end of the semester.