

LEARNING MATHEMATICS IN THE CCRI MATH LAB

What are the main differences between a Lecture and Math Lab course?

In a lecture class, everyone is working on the same course. In the Math Lab, students work side by side with students in different courses. Therefore, your instructor does not present topics using a traditional lecture format. Although you will not receive private tutoring, **ONE OR MORE INSTRUCTORS** are always available to help you with textbook explanations, video instruction, and homework assignments. Do not hesitate to ask questions!

Which Math courses are credit courses? Whether a math course be taken in the Math Lab or in a Lecture, Math 0500, Math 0600 and Math 0700 do not award college credit. All other math courses do award college credit.



How is the testing procedure different in a lecture course than in the Math Lab?

In a traditional lecture course, the instructor determines when a test is to be given. In the Math Lab, you should make sure you have mastered the material before you take each test. If you should fail a test, the grade will **not** count. You will be required to retake the test on another day, but first you must speak with a Math Lab instructor who will make specific recommendations. This should enable you to successfully learn the topics and retake the test when you are better prepared. In the Math Lab, you are required to **pass all six tests**, with a grade of at least 60%, in order to complete your course.

The Math Lab has a maximum grade or **CAP** policy for all retakes. For the first retake, the CAP or maximum grade is 90, the CAP on the second retake is 80, the third is 70, the fourth, fifth etc., is 60. The CAP applies to all Math Lab students who fail a test and **must** retake it. It also applies to students who receive a grade of 60 or above and want to retake the test. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ASK AN INSTRUCTOR ABOUT THE CAP POLICY IF YOU ARE CONFUSED.**

When do I come to the Math Lab to do my work?

You are expected to attend class during your regularly scheduled hours, and you are strongly encouraged to attend **extra** hours. This is especially important if you are not keeping up with the guideline testing dates and expect to complete the course by the end of this session. You must hand your attendance slip to an instructor each time you attend, even when testing. Attendance hours, together with the number of passed tests taken in the current session will be considered for obtaining an Incomplete-Continuing grade. A schedule of Math Lab hours for receiving instructor assistance, studying and/or taking tests is available on the Math Department Web site. You may also pick up a copy at any Math Lab location.

What can I do to be successful in the Math Lab?

By utilizing the following plan, you should have a very successful experience:

- 1) Be sure you have the proper background for your math course.
- 2) Manage your time so that you will be able to work on your Math course daily.
- 3) Take notes and ask questions either when studying or watching Math Videos.
- 4) Write notes for each problem that requires instructor assistance.
- 5) Review all homework problems and notes within one day of testing.

A COMPLETE MATH LAB STUDENT MANUAL IS AVAILABLE ON THE CCRI WEB SITE OR IN THE MATH LAB TESTING ROOM AT EACH LOCATION.

Be sure to check your CCRI “pipeline” e-mail account frequently; and, the Mathematics Department Web Site (www.ccri.edu/math/) for important information and updates regarding your Math Lab Course.

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