

Hello Calculus Students-

My name is Dr. Mark Snavelly, and you have enrolled in my section of MTH 1120 this spring. The purpose of this email is to tell you about the text for our class, since it's a bit unusual. I also request that you view the videos at the top of our course web page (<https://www.marksnavelly.us/fall/calc1/calc1.php>) before our first class meeting on Wednesday, January 31. This is an assignment, and I expect you to view the videos before our first class.

The textbook for our class is MyMathLab, an online utility that includes an eBook, homework resources, and video supplements. This text is available through the bookstore. You must purchase MyMathLab! If you wish to purchase or rent a print copy of the text, you can do that through many vendors, but you do not need to do so. Old editions of our text could be very helpful for those of you who prefer a physical text, and are much less expensive.

I wish to emphasize the bold type in the previous paragraph: by purchasing MyMathLab, you have purchased a complete textbook! I will assign readings in the text, and I expect you to do them.

When you purchase MyMathLab, there are two reliable sources: the college bookstore (<https://carthage.bnccollege.com/shop/carthage/home>), and the publisher (<https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/>). I recommend that you compare prices. I do not recommend purchasing an access code from any other source - there are many scams out there, and every year, at least one student buys an invalid access code. The course ID is available on the enrollment instructions on the Schoology site. I've also attached a copy of the enrollment document to this email.

If you purchase your text from the bookstore, there may also be a link to "Homework Done Fast". You do not need to purchase this utility, and it is not recommended by the mathematics department. "Homework Done Fast" is recommended by the bookstore, not by the mathematics faculty. There is free mathematics tutoring available on campus, and all mathematics faculty hold office hours and are eager to help you individually.

Because of the reality of COVID among other things, I will be live-streaming all of our classes for those who cannot attend for medical reasons. If you miss class or cannot attend for some reason, a recording of the class will be on the Help Page of the course website. Go to www.marksnavelly.us, choose our course, choose the link to the Help Page, then follow the link to Live Stream and Zoom links. The username and password are on Schoology. However, there is no remote option for this class, and you are expected to be in class for all quizzes and exams unless other arrangements have been made.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to meeting you soon!
Sincerely,

Dr. Snavelly