

Hello Calculus and Statistics Students-

My name is Dr. Mark Snively, and you are enrolled in one of my mathematics classes this term. It's hard to believe that classes are scheduled to start so soon! The purpose of this email is to tell you about the text for our class, since it's a bit unusual.

The textbook for our class is MyMathLab (sometimes called MyStatLab for statistics), **an online utility that includes an eBook**, homework resources, and video supplements, and that's what 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.

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.bncollege.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 at least one student buys an invalid access code every year. If you choose to buy from the publisher, the course ID is available on the course web page, and I've attached enrollment instructions.

If you purchase your text from the bookstore, there is also 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.

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

Sincerely,
Dr. Snively