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**MyMathLab**<sup>®</sup>



**Subject: Required Materials for Math 120: Intermediate Algebra**

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**The required textbook for this course is**

**Precalculus plus MyMathLab Student Access Kit,  
4/E by Lial, Hornsby, and Schneider**

It's important you buy this book because:

- There will be required reading from the book.
- Homework assignments will come from the book.
- I will test on material from the book.
- It will help you get a better grade in my course.

I will also be using **MyMathLab**, an online program that will help you save time and improve your grades.

- If you bought a new book at the bookstore, it came with an access code to MyMathLab
- If you wish to buy access to MyMathLab separately, you may purchase access with a credit card at <http://www.coursecompass.com/>.
- Visit **<http://www.coursecompass.com/>** to get started. You will need the following Course ID to register:  
**church42242**

## Registration Steps

1. In any web browser, go to [www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com) .
2. Underneath “Students” click on the button labeled “Register”.
3. Be sure that the button next to “Get access to a new course” is selected.  
Click “Next”.
4. Enter the course id: **church42242**  
Click on the “Find Course” button.
5. The course information for your course should appear.  
If you already have your student access code, select “Access Code” and enter your 6 word access code in the boxes provided.  
*(If you don't already have an access code, you can click on the “Buy Now” button and follow the directions.)*
6. Click the “I Accept” button to accept the company’s license agreement.
7. If you already have a Pearson Education account from a previous class, click “Yes” and enter your login name and password.

If you have not used MyMathLab before, click “No” to create your login name and password.

(At this time you will be choosing a login name and password that will allow you to log into MyMathLab in the future. After this initial registration, your login name and password are all that you will need to access the MyMathLab site.)

Enter a login name. (The company suggests using your email address, but it is up to you.)

Your login name must be at least 4 letters and/or numbers long, and cannot contain spaces. It cannot be the same as anyone else’s login name, so be sure to choose a unique name that you can remember.

Create a password in the next box, and retype it in the following box.

(Your password must be at least 8 characters long. It must contain at least 1 letter, and at least 1 number.)

It is a good idea to write down your login name/password for future reference. Once your login name and password are typed, click the “Next” button.

8. Type your name and email address in the boxes provided. I will be emailing you using the address you choose, so be accurate.  
Select “**United States**” for your country, type **94402** for the school’s zip code, and select **College of San Mateo** from the list of schools.  
Select a Security Question and type your answer. You will need this in the future if there is a problem with your account.  
Click the “Next” button.
9. You are now finished registering. Click the “Log In Now” button to get started.

## What Can You Do On MyMathLab?

- **Do Online Homework Exercises**

For each section there is a set of free response homework exercises which counts towards your grade. These exercises can be accessed by clicking on the “Do Homework” button.

While working on these exercises, there are many options available for help. Clicking on “Help Me Solve This” will walk you through the problem step by step.

Clicking on “View an Example” will show you a similar problem, worked out completely.

Some exercises have an animation that you can access, which serves as a mini-lecture on this topic.

Click on “Textbook Pages” to view the related pages from your textbook.

”Ask My Instructor” sends an email to me, via email, with your problem. This is especially useful when you believe that a correct answer has been marked incorrect.

If you get a problem wrong, you can try the problem again and again until you get it correct.

- **Take Online Quizzes**

For each chapter there is a quiz made up of free response questions. These quizzes can be accessed by clicking on the “Take A Quiz” or “Quizzes & Tests” button.

While working on these quizzes, the options for help are not available.

You can take each quiz as many times as you’d like.

- **Take Checkpoint Quizzes**

In this course there is a series of Checkpoint Quizzes made up of free response questions. These are also accessed by clicking on the “Take A Quiz” or “Quizzes & Tests” button.

While working on the Checkpoint Quizzes, the options for help are not available.

You can also take these quizzes as often as you’d like, and the highest score counts.

- **View Video Lectures**

For each section in the book, you can find a lecture that you can watch online.

Once you have logged into your course, click on the “Chapter Contents” or “eBook” button. After selecting the chapter and section that you want, click on the appropriate link to watch the video.