

Nearly all of MCC's mathematics courses offer online (asynchronous) sections. Here is what you should know about their requirements and whether they are right for you:

- 1) One reason a student may take online classes is the flexibility that online classes afford. While they are flexible in terms of time since there is no set meeting time, online classes have due dates for assignments. Students must frequently check their course's calendar to adhere to due dates. Online classes may be right for you if:
  - a. You are a self-starter
  - b. You are good at time management
  - c. You know to ask for help when needed
- 2) Online classes cover the same material as traditional on campus classes but in a different way. With online classes the student takes a more active role in learning the material. Online instructors will use Brightspace (which is accessed through your myMCC account) and/or other online learning platforms to present the material. Learning activities could include, but are not limited to, reading the textbook, watching videos, and discovering concepts through the use of apps (e.g., applets, Geogebra, Desmos) and discussion forums.
- 3) Instructors of online classes are also available during office hours, both in-person and/or virtually through Zoom, to assist students when questions arise.
- 4) Online classes assess your understanding of the material in several ways. Examples include but are not limited to: electronic assignments through programs such as MyLabMath, Brightspace, WebAssign, etc.; written assignments uploaded to a learning management platform such as Brightspace; projects through statistics software such as Minitab, StatCrunch, etc.; discussion forums; written proctored exams; and a final exam.
- 5) All online Mathematics Department classes at MCC are required to have a proctored component. Some instructors may require proctoring for multiple exams while others may require that just the final exam be proctored. If your online course requires a final exam, chances are it is a proctored final exam. Some instructors require in-person proctoring (coming to MCC or using an approved off campus proctor), while others may use software to monitor students as they complete the proctored component. If you have questions about proctoring, please contact the instructor who is teaching the section.
- 6) Students have access to online classes in Brightspace one week before on campus classes begin, known as Preview Week. During Preview Week, students are strongly encouraged to read all of the course information to understand how the course is going to be run. If a student is in a course that requires additional computer software (e.g. MyLabMath, MyLabStat, WebWorks, or Lumen), they should create an account so that they are ready to begin during the first week of classes.
- 7) Online students are expected to have reliable internet access and appropriate equipment for their courses. You must have an alternative plan in case your computer "crashes" or you lose internet access during the semester. Computer problems are not valid reasons to receive a course refund, an extension of due dates, and/or an Incomplete grade.

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