A Basic User Guide to Doing Homework on *MyMathLab* (aka *CourseCompass*)

To do a homework assignment:

1. Once you have logged into your CourseCompass course, click on **HOMEWORK** . After, it is helpful to click **SHOW ALL** so you will see ALL assignments (homework, quizzes, etc).

2. Choose the Homework Assignment you want to work on

3. Choose **Question 1** (or any number)
   Note: putting curser over an exercise shows which problem it corresponds to in the book.

4. Complete the problem and enter answer. Click on **Check Answer**
   *Note: You may have to use the **math symbol palette** on the left of the problem to type in your answer.*

5. If answer is correct, a **green check mark** will appear next to the number along the top of the screen. Now click **Similar Exercise** to do another one like it for extra practice OR choose your next problem from the list of problem numbers (in circles) on the top of the page.

6. If the answer is incorrect, you may have another try or two to get it right. If you get it wrong, a **red X** will appear next to the number along the top of the screen. At this point, you may click **Similar Exercise** to get another question just like it and try to get the question right OR choose your next problem from the list of problem numbers (in circles) on the top of the page.
   Note: If you rework the problem and get it correct, a green check will appear by the number.

7. If you are not sure how to work a problem, click **Help Me Solve This** or **View an Example** or **Video** for tutorial assistance with the problem. **Ask my Instructor**, **Textbook Pages**, and **Print** options are also available.

8. When you have completed the last exercise or you just need to stop in the middle of the homework session, click **Save**. You may continue to work on the homework and submit it multiple times up to the due date. Only the highest grade counts.
   Note: If you don't click Submit Homework, you may receive no points for that assignment.

9. To see all your homework scores, Click on **GRADEBOOK** . You may want to choose **ENTIRE COURSE TO DATE** and **ALL ASSIGNMENTS** so that you will see all your work and not just recent work. If you want to see your current average and a breakdown of your scores, click **OVERALL SCORE.**

10. Click on **Course Calendar** to see when other homework assignments and quizzes are due.
    Note: This option is accessed AFTER you have clicked the HOMEWORK button and is located in the upper right hand corner of the page of assignments.

MyMathLab **HOMEWORK**

MyMathLab homework is worth 15% of your course grade

This is the online assignment. ***MyMathLab*** assignments and quizzes cannot be completed after the due date. So watch those due dates and do not wait until the last minute to complete these assignments! You are given sufficient time to complete the assignment. If you choose to procrastinate, then you also choose to take **RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL REASONS** (computer problems, hurricanes, illnesses) that might inhibit your completion of the assignment.

MyMathLab **QUIZZES**

MyMathLab quizzes are worth 15% of your course grade.

The questions on the quizzes are questions from the homework assignment(s). So, it pays to print the homework assignment, solve the problems, and then use your work to help solve the quiz questions. Unlike the homework, quizzes MUST BE TAKEN AND COMPLETED IN ONE SITTING. You cannot work some problems and then come back and work others. Be sure you have enough time to work a quiz before starting it or you will waste a try. You will have 3 tries at each quiz, but you will only be able to review the quiz immediately after taking it. Feel free to copy the questions by hand and study before any subsequent tries. Subsequent quizzes will not be an exact duplicate of the first – it will however be similar. *MyMathLab can be very picky, so if you missed a quiz question do to an input error, show me and I will change your grade if necessary.*

Since these quizzes are taken outside of class, use all materials at your disposal (notes, homework, the Math Lab, tutors, and your instructor) to help you master the material and succeed.

How to Get the Most from *MyMathLab*

TAKE A TOUR

- ✓ In the middle of the login page, click "Take A Tour"

PRINT THE ASSIGNMENT

- ✓ At the first question, click "Print…" Then choose "Print Homework Assignment" to print the collection of questions.
- ✓ Now you have a printed copy from which you can ask questions in class.
- ✓ Do your written work on the print-out (if the is enough room) or notebook paper.
- ✓ As you work the assignment, highlight any questions that you *immediately* do not know how to do or get incorrect and must use the "help functions" to solve. These will then be easily recognizable as questions to redo again when studying for the exam.
- ✓ All Homework is fair game for exam questions. You will want to study the printed assignment before an exam.

HELP FUNCTIONS

- ✓ **"Help Me Solve This"**
  This function walks you through the given problem. It will ask you key questions that you must answer which will help you get to the final answer. When you return to the homework assignment, you will have a new problem – similar, but new numbers.
- ✓ **"View An Example"**
  This function shows you a similar example. You can solve the given problem by following the steps of the example.
- ✓ **"Video"**
  Not all questions have a video option. If so, you will see an actual person solving a similar problem on a white board.
- ✓ **"Animation"**
  Similar to a power point presentation, this function shows and tells the step-by-step solving process of a similar example. You press "continue" or "next" when ready for the next step.
- ✓ **"Textbook Pages"**
  Go to the textbook pages of the Section in which you are working.
- ✓ **"Ask My Instructor"**
  This function e-mails your instructor a link to the problem that is causing you trouble. You will have to wait till he/she checks their e-mail and replies, but you will get a hint from a real live person.

WORKING PROBLEMS AWAY FROM YOUR COMPUTER/ENTERING ANSWERS LATER

- ✓ You do not have to do the problems in front of your computer. Print the assignment and then work the problems at your leisure (but before the due date) at home. You can then enter the answers later. **HOWEVER . . .**
- ✓ You **MUST enter ALL THE ANSWERS for every question you have completed** before using any of the help functions. If you use a help function, the problems after will regenerate with new numbers and your current answers will be incorrect for the new problems.
- ✓ SO . . . Print, Solve, Enter all Answers
  THEN . . . Go Back and Use Help, Ask for Similar Questions, etc.