Student Resources and Tips for Success

Getting Started
You will need the following to successfully complete a NetMath course:

- Self-motivation and self-discipline
- Regularly scheduled time to complete the coursework
- Internet access (We recommend using Mozilla Firefox)
- A working email account and access to the Mathable website

We strongly encourage you to create a schedule for working on your course. *We recommend that students work three hours per week for every credit hour in their course.* For example, Math 220 is 5 credit hours, so X 3 = 15 hours per week to complete the course in time.

Go to [http://netmath.illinois.edu/pacing](http://netmath.illinois.edu/pacing) to access a course pacing guide.

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- For immediate assistance, you should contact your mentor. Your mentor’s email address is in the welcome email sent from the NetMath office.
- If you require further assistance, you may contact the course TA, whose email is listed on the Mathable welcome page.
- For additional help with course questions, you may post any questions about concepts and/or coding to the Piazza Forum.
- If you have many questions related to a specific topic, you may meet with your mentor in the Mentor Chat Room for 30 minutes per week. More information about this is in the Mentor Chat Room section below.

Piazza Course Forum

Piazza is a Q&A web service that is a combination of a wiki and a forum. It contains many previous questions asked by other students taking the course. Piazza is very useful for debugging code issues since you can click the “Code” button to copy and paste in Mathable code.

Also, all NetMath mentors are on the course forums and can provide quick feedback. Information about how to login to your Piazza course page is in your NetMath welcome email and on the Welcome page of Mathable.
Mentor Chat Room
For additional assistance beyond emailing your mentor, contacting the course TA, or posting questions to Piazza, we offer access to the chat room. You will first enter the chat room to complete your course orientation (worth 2% of your overall grade). The chat room is useful for screen sharing with a mentor to address coding issues and to get extra support on important course topics. You may request one 30-minute chat session per week with your mentor. If you require additional chat accommodations beyond 30 minutes per week, please email instruction@netmath.illinois.edu to explain your accommodation.

Preparing for Exams
Although a large portion of the final grade comes from your coursework, exams are also important to success in the course. Here are some suggestions for exam preparation:

1. Make sure you have completed all coursework from all the lessons covered in the exam. The lessons covered for each exam are listed on the Mathable welcome page.

2. Review the concepts and feedback from your completed TryIt assignments. Check any hand calculations you did in these assignments and look over the process you used to solve them. You may also want to redo some of these problems to increase your speed in completing them since it is a timed exam.

3. Complete and review the Literacy assignment for each Lesson. These assignments should be done by hand because no calculators are allowed on NetMath exams. Literacy assignments provide a detailed overview of the types of problems you may see on an exam. Go back and redo any problems you thought were initially confusing. If you get a third attempt on a Literacy, take advantage and submit again as well as ask any questions about specific concepts you feel are difficult.

4. Post questions to the Piazza Forum and/or email your mentor about any overall topics you have trouble understanding. The exams cover a range of lessons, but it does not explicitly state which topics are likely to be presented on the exam.