

## Get Started Checklist

- Locate and explore the Course Website – Start at <http://www.aims.edu>, log in as a student, click on My Courses tab, select this course, and enjoy! Familiarize yourself with the main menu bar:
  - Beginnings – A quick checklist for the first week of class. This document.
  - Classlist – Shows who's in the class, including me (Harry Mills). It's where I go to send you e-mail, and you can send ME e-mail by clicking on the "Mills, Harry" link in the classlist.
  - MyLab – Where the homework and lessons live. You'll spend most of your time outside of class, working on the homework, here.
  - Practice Tests – Tests from previous semesters. This is also where this semester's tests and solutions will be posted. Students report that this is an essential bridge between interacting with a computer online (multiple choice and single expression answers) and actually taking a written test, that's graded by a person (me).
  - Schedule – Aligns the calendar with the work we need to do this semester. Deadlines for tests are listed, here.
  - Survey – Near the end of the semester, you need to fill out the survey.
  - Syllabus – Detailed information on this course, including grade scheme, rules of the game, and other material.
- From the front page of the course website on MyAims, follow these links under Aims Resources, which are listed in a column on the far left of your screen.
  - [Aims Online Course Tool Tutorials](#). If you scroll to the bottom of the page you will see links to online help with Discussions, Dropbox, etc.
  - [Check your System](#). Make sure your hardware and software are up to snuff.
- Acquire a textbook and access to CourseCompass, and register. CourseCompass is where lessons and homework assignments live. The **Course ID is mills61075**. There are different strategies for getting it done:
  - Buy a used book and purchase access on the MyLab website: <http://pearsonmylab.com>.
  - Purchase access *without a textbook* online at <http://pearsonmylab.com> and just use the *e-book* that is provided on the website. (Cheapest option)
- Get started on homework on MyLab, starting with the Orientation exercises. The assignments are all found by clicking on Homework in the control panel, after you've gained access. I've also posted a Pre-Test and Post-Test for Chapter P (Scored to help you *learn* but *not* part of your grade). To see that, either click on Quizzes and Tests from the control panel or just click the Show All button after you've entered the Homework area.