

College Algebra Online, Spring, 2022
Getting Registered for MyLab

Log in to D2L through the [AIMS Online Portal](#). If you're already logged-in, you can skip this step.

From the D2L Home Page, click on "Content" and navigate to "Course Information," then "Getting Started," and finally clicking on "MyLab and Mastering Course Home," so you're here:

Content > Course Information > Getting Started > MyLab and Mastering Course Home.

From there, I think the MyLab site will guide you through. You have a number of different access options. I suggest you get the temporary access, and see if it's going to work for you, before committing the money:

1. Enter a prepaid access code that came with your textbook or from the bookstore.
2. Buy instant access using a credit card or PayPal account.
3. Select **Get temporary access without payment for 14 days**.

After you're all registered, you can access the MyLab through links on D2L, or, better yet, bookmark the main portal and go *straight* to the MyLab, when you want to do homework, using the following link:

<https://mlm.pearson.com/northamerica/mymathlab/>

Now I would really prefer that you use your "@online.aims.edu" e-mail address. I'm not sure they'll let you do that. This is the first semester I've linked the D2L and the MyLab in this way. We just want the good features and none of the bad features!

- Your name: Use your first and last name that you used to register at AIMS, if they give you the option.
- Your e-mail: Use your "@online.aims.edu" e-mail address, if they give you the option.
 - If you're not sure what that is, log in to D2L, find your Course Shell for College Algebra, click on Classlist link, and click on your name in the Classlist. The address in the "To:" line is your D2L e-mail address.
- For future reference, the Course ID is **mills72020**.

There's a lot of stuff on the MyLab, but there are two main things – the *only* things – that I require from you on the MyLab site:

1. Homework – This is where you'll spend most of your time in this course.
 - a. If you click on the "Homework" link, you will see *all* the homework assignments for the semester.
 - b. Note that some of the homework assignments are marked 'optional.' You don't have to do those.
 - c. You may work on homework assignments beyond the due date, but any work submitted after the due date will be half credit. Any exercises completed *before* the due date will still be counted as full-credit, but the exercises you do *after* that are half credit.
2. Tests – We will be administering tests through the MyLab website.
 - a. If you click on "Tests and Quizzes" link, you will only see Practice Test 1, Practice Test 2, etc. That's because the ACTUAL tests won't be visible until the "Open Dates" listed in the [Course Schedule](#).
 - b. I'm giving everyone an opportunity to re-take all tests once. The open dates for re-takes are May 1st thru May 10th, so you won't see *them* until the last week of school.

Now, I think the MyLab will try to distract you with all kinds of helpful things. My sense is that most of it just sucks up time, to no great advantage.

Here's how I'd attack the MyLab:

Do:

- 0.1 – Orientation. This will show you how the homework and testing tools work:
 - How to enter answers.
 - How to seek on-demand help (Show Me an Example, Help Me Work This, etc.)

- The “Ask My Instructor” button. (When all else fails, just ask me!)
- 1.1 – Linear, Rational, and Absolute-Value Equations. Just skip right over the optional P.0 thru P.7 exercises, unless you *need* the review.

I’m using the Gradebook on MyLab to handle all the grade reporting. This is new for this semester. Hopefully it will go smoothly. If not, I’ll just download the raw numbers into a spreadsheet and do grades old-school. But you *should* be able to click on “Gradebook” on MyLab and know your grade as you go, or access your grade using the “Grades” link on D2L.

We will see how that all goes. But as a teacher who’s always been pretty old-school about grades, this integration *should* give you a better idea of your standing in the course, updated daily. But until we’re *sure* it’s working as advertised, take your first week’s or two weeks’ grade reports with a grain of salt. I may end up having to go back to just doing it with a spreadsheet and e-mailing you periodic reports.