

Beginnings – A Short Run-Down

- This Document, the Course Schedule, and the Syllabus are your guides to succeeding in this course. First of all, an explanation of the Main NavBar.
 - **Beginnings** – The document you are reading right now.
 - **Classlist** – Shows who's in the class, including me (Harry Mills – but ‘most everybody calls me ‘Steve.’). 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 MyLab, and register to do homework on the [MyLab Site](#). The MyLab link takes you to the lessons and homework assignments live. The **Course ID is mills14309**. There are different strategies for accessing these course tools:
 - Buy a new book, bundled with an Access Code.
 - Buy a used book and purchase access on the MyLab Site. <http://pearsonmylabandmastering.com/>. (Cheaper option)
 - Purchase access *without a textbook* online at <http://pearsonmylabandmastering.com/> and just use the *e-book* that is provided on the website. (Cheapest option).
- As soon as you have registered and gained access to the course, get started on homework assignments, starting with the Orientation exercises. The assignments are all found by clicking on Homework in the control panel, after you've gained access to **mills14309**. 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.
- Most students will find that this is enough to get rolling, but that doesn't mean there isn't lots of help online available and some help available from *me*. I've just found that the less said at this point, the better, and just free myself (and yourself) to ask questions, if you have any.
- The rest of what you need to understand what to do and when can be found in the Syllabus and Course Schedule, which are linked from the Main NavBar.