

**Guidelines for
Mathematics 098 Intermediate Algebra
Mathematics 098 Hybrid Intermediate Algebra
Mathematics 116 College Algebra
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All Courses**

- A student must have **access to the Internet**, either at home or on campus.
- A student needs to have “**backup plans**” in case a computer quits working. It is best to have a backup plan to the backup plan.
- A student must be **proficient on the computer**. This includes being able to type, use online programs, access-mail, and the Internet. The student has to be capable of following instructions.
- **The student must have the program My Math Lab.** The program is provided with a next textbook. However, if a student buys a used textbook, they will have to pay for the My Math Lab access separately, with an anticipated cost of \$70. Those who are repeating the course do not have to pay the fee for a second time. Professor Odell will drop students who do not obtain the program within a reasonable, but short time period.
- Class **attendance is essential** and expected for all types of Professor Odell’s classes. Failure to attend will result in lower grades and/or administratively dropped. If students are not online within the first week, the student will be dropped administratively.

Hybrid Course Notes

The Hybrid Course requires a well-disciplined, highly motivated student that can take responsibility of using resources to learn material.

All homework and chapter tests are done on line.

Two tests, midterm and final, are done with “pencil and paper.”

All grades shown on My Math Lab on Hybrid Courses.

The instructor will provide content material that needs further explanation beyond the textbook and/or the math lab material. The instructor cannot cover all content items in class.

Special Notes about Professor Odell and My Math Lab (all courses)

HOMEWORK

- Homework is done utilizing my math lab. The student needs to have an organized notebook, as only answers are inputted, not the entire work. Deadlines are set for specific homework assignments.
- Homework provides immediate Feedback. Features of Program Include:

HELP ME SOLVE THIS – provides step-by-step help, but the student provides the answers at each step.

VIEW AN EXAMPLE – allows the student to see a similar exercise explained step-by step

TEXTBOOK PAGES – allows the student to view the e-book to read material found in actual textbook

VIDEOS AND ANIMATIONS – are included for a certain number of exercises

WORK ON EXERCISES AS MANY TIMES AS NEEDED

- Multimedia assistance
 - Videos
 - Power Point
 - Animations

Tests

- Practice Tests available all chapters
- Personalized Study Plan – After taking a practice test, one can use a personalized study plan that will help one to focus on those areas that caused difficulty. Each exercise can be worked as many times as possible.
- Professor Odell's Tests have 180 minutes allowed for a 60-minute test. Professor Odell allows students to take tests a multiple of times.

BIGGEST PROBLEM AS REPORTED BY STUDENTS

Students report that their management of time, and making the commitment to do the work is the biggest problem they have encountered. Most students learn the fundamentals of the program very quickly once they get started.

If you have any further questions about Mathematics 098 or Mathematics 116 as taught by professor Odell, please feel free to contact the professor at jodell@richand.edu and/or extension 486.