Thanks for your interest in my online College Algebra class (Math 1324, section 8W001). This document will give you an overview that I hope will help you decide if this class is right for you.

**Information About the Class**

This class will be run through MyMathLab, part of Course Compass. Course Compass is similar to and has all the major features of WebCT except that it is more compatible with mathematical content. This class, including its gradebook, is housed on the servers of Pearson Education, Inc rather than on the ECampus site of NHMCCD.

The class site in MyMathLab is loaded with all the materials you will need for the course – an electronic version of the textbook, video clips and PowerPoint presentations that support the course, help screens, a gradebook to track your progress, and access to live tutoring over the phone. As you use these materials to learn the concepts of the course, you will work homework assignments online. Each homework assignment is instantly graded and may be repeated until its deadline. The average of the homework grades is equal to a major test grade.

There will be several major tests in the course plus a comprehensive final exam. All of the tests are taken in a proctored testing environment such as the Assessment Center at Cy-Fair College.

The textbook for the course is *Finite Mathematics and Calculus with Applications*, 8th Edition, by Lial, Greenwell, & Ritchey, published by Addison Wesley Pearson. The book may be purchased from the bookstore at Cy-Fair College. If you purchase a new book, an access code for MyMathLab will be included for free.

It is not required for you to purchase the book – the entire text is posted in MyMathLab – if you don’t mind reading online. If you elect not to purchase the book (or if you buy a used book), you will need to purchase a MyMathLab access code. The access code may be purchased at the CFC bookstore or may be purchased online the first time you log in to MyMathLab.

This class will be available for online access on Monday, August 24, 2009. To enter the MyMathLab site you will need to go to [www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com) and select the link to register as a student. You will be able to purchase an access code online at that point if you don't have one already. You will also be asked for the zip code of the college which is 77433 and the Course ID for my class which is ferguson28874. You will be asked to select a login name and password which you will be able to use for all future logins.

**System Requirements**

**Operating System**
- PC – Windows 2000 or XP
- Macintosh – 9.2 or OS X Version 10.1 or 10.2

**Connection**
- Internet Connection with a minimum connection speed of 28.8 kbps

**Browser**
- Microsoft Internet Explorer, Version 5.x up to Version 6.0
- Netscape Navigator, Version 7.0

**Browser Settings**
- CourseCompass uses both cookies and JavaScript technology. These features must be turned on.
AOL Users

You cannot view CourseCompass using the AOL browser. You can use AOL to access the internet and then open either Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator within AOL to access CourseCompass.