



**MAT 108 (Sec 277262)**  
**Tutored Mathematics**  
**Spring 2016**  
**TTh 12:00PM - 12:50PM CM-473**

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**Course Description:** Structured tutorial assistance and math study skills to help students achieve success in a mathematics course in which they are concurrently enrolled. Mathematics study skills emphasized. May be repeated for a maximum of 10 credits. Prerequisites: None. Co-requisites: Concurrent enrollment in MAT 090, MAT 091, or MAT 092, or MAT 120, MAT 121, or MAT 122, or permission of department chair.

**Course Competencies:** By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Write and implement realistic time management schedules which include regular study of mathematics and tutorial assistance
- Use improved study skills when solving mathematical problems
- Explain, with the aid of tutorial assistance, concepts and steps for solving math problems related to the appropriate math course.

**Text:** Optional text (highly recommended): *Math Study Skills* by Alan Bass

**Course Requirements:**

1. Attend class regularly and be on time. **More than four (4) unofficial absences may result in you receiving no credit for the course. You may be withdrawn from the course for excessive absences. Absences CANNOT be made up.** Refer to the college catalogue for a description of official absence.
2. Come to class prepared. Bring your textbook, class notes, homework notebook, current assignment, calculator, pencil, course syllabus and all tests & quizzes to date with you to each session. Keeping all of these items handy in a three-ring notebook is highly recommended.
3. Remain in class for the entire period and be working on activities related to your math class. "I am finished with my HW" is not an excuse to leave class early. If you finish your homework, there are other ways for you to continue working on mathematics during a particular class period.

4. Keep up with the homework assigned in your math class. Work as many of the homework problems as you can BEFORE you come to each tutoring session. If you have difficulty completing a specific problem, indicate the page number and the problem number along with a specific reason why you had difficulty so the tutors and I can help you. "I didn't know where to start" is not a specific reason!!
5. Be a team player. Be willing to help others and be helped by others. Everyone is here for the same reason.
6. Remain enrolled in your math class the entire semester! If you withdraw from your math class then you will be withdrawn from this class as well.

**Grading Policy:** MAT 108 is a Credit/No Credit (P/Z) course. In order to receive a P (passing) grade for the course, you must: (1) comply with all course requirements as listed above and (2) accumulate no more than 4 unofficial absences.

**Tardiness:** You are expected to be on time to class. **Arriving late or leaving class early may result in a tardy. Three (3) tardies count as one (1) absence.**

**Course Withdrawal:** It is the responsibility of the student to withdraw from class. However, the instructor retains the right to withdraw a student for violation of school policies outlined in the Scottsdale Community College Catalog or for excessive absences.

**Disabilities:** If you have, or think you have, a disability (including a learning disability), please contact the Disability Resources & Services (DSRS) office (480.423.6517), located in the SC-Building, Room 125, as soon as possible. DSRS can assist with appropriate accommodations for your classes and will also notify your instructors of these accommodations. Without notification from DSRS, an instructor is not obligated to provide special accommodations.

**Disclaimer:** It is the student's responsibility for all information contained in this syllabus. Any changes to the syllabus will be announced in class. Students are responsible for these changes whether in attendance or not. It is also the student's responsibility for reviewing the college policies included in the college catalog and the student handbook.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS...

If you are willing to work with the tutors and me and if you communicate openly with us whenever you are having trouble with the material, you will succeed.

Don't be afraid to ask for help – that's what we are here for.

In addition to my office hours, **free** walk-in tutoring is available at the Math/Science Tutor Center.

Get to know your classmates. They are a valuable resource.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU THIS SEMESTER.