MyMathLab/MyStatLab – Beginning

LESSON 2 – EXPLORE YOUR COURSE

In this lesson, you will:

- Explore the student view
- Explore the instructor view
- Explore the help and support resources

Explore the student view

When you log in as an instructor in MyMathLab or MyStatLab, you also have access to the student view of the course. In this lesson, you will explore the assignment content, multimedia content, and course tools available to students in their MyMathLab or MyStatLab course.

1. Enter your MyMathLab course.
   On the Courses page, click your course name to enter the course. Your course displays a course menu on the left, a content page on the right, and a banner at the top for links outside of your course. The student view is the same except for the course settings link underneath the course title, the modify link at the top right of a content page, and the modify link at the top left of the course menu. In addition, menu items marked with the icon are hidden from your students' course menu.

MyMathLab’s intuitive interface and ease of use mean a fast learning curve for both traditional and nontraditional students.

Taken from a Case Study for Riverside Community College District.
Tip: You can collapse the course menu by clicking the icon at the top right of the menu. Click to expand the course menu. You can also display the content page in full-screen mode by clicking the icon at the top left of the content page. Click to toggle out of full-screen mode.

2. **Explore the assignment content.**
   
   Click **Homework** in the course menu. The Homework and Tests page lists the homework, quizzes, and tests you assign for your course. If you created your course from scratch, you won't see any assignments listed. You can create your own assignments from scratch or copy assignments from various sources. You will learn how to create and copy assignments in Lessons 4 through 8.

   ![Homework and Tests: Homework](image)

   - Your instructor has not created any homework for you.
   - View available [Sample Tests and Quizzes](#)
   - Do practice questions in the [Study Plan](#)

   **Note:** The Quizzes & Tests page is similar to the Homework page. Click **Show All** to view all of your assignments on one page.

   Click **Study Plan** in the course menu. Your students can use the Study Plan for practice and to test whether they have mastered the course material. You will learn how to customize the Study Plan in Lesson 9.

   ![Study Plan](image)

   - You have earned 0 of 147 mastery points (MP).
   - Practice these objectives and then take a Quiz Me to prove mastery and earn more points.

   **Objectives to practice and master**

   1.1 Introduction to Whole Numbers
   - Identify place value in whole numbers.
   - Convert between words and standard form for whole numbers.
   - Write numbers in expanded form.
   - Round numbers to the indicated place.
   - Solve applications.
Click **Gradebook** in the course menu. The Results page shows a student's scores on the homework, quizzes, and tests. Students can also view their overall score and Study Plan performance. You will learn how to manage the class Gradebook in Lesson 10.

Click **Course Home** in the course menu. The home page (also known as the Dashboard) gives students a visual overview of their current status in the course, as well as an interactive calendar, list of upcoming assignments, and your class announcements. You will learn how to customize the home page in Lesson 3.

3. **Explore the multimedia content.**
   Click **Chapter Contents** in the course menu. The course menu expands and lists each chapter in your textbook. This is where your students access their eText and accompanying resources.
Click Chapter 1 in the course menu, and then click Section 1.1. From this page, students can watch a video presentation, view the eText, or navigate to their Study Plan.

Section 1.1

Introduction to Whole Numbers

- Watch the Section Lecture Video.
- View the multimedia eText.
- Work in your study plan.
- View the Mindstretchers from your textbook for this section.

In addition to the pre-loaded content pages in your course, you can create custom content pages, upload class handouts, and link to your own videos. You will learn how to add custom content in MyMathLab/MyStatLab – Advanced.

Click Tools for Success in the course menu. Students have access to a wide variety of resources, such as review cards, concept videos, or graphing calculator help.

Note: The list of available resources varies by textbook.

Tools for Success

Click Multimedia Library in the course menu. Students can use this powerful search engine to quickly access the multimedia resources for their textbook. They can search for resources by chapter, section, or media type.
4. **Explore the course tools.**
Click **Course Tools** in the course menu. Students can use the Discussions, Email, Chat & ClassLive, and Document Sharing tools to communicate with you and their classmates. You will learn more about these tools in MyMathLab/MyStatLab – Intermediate.

**Note:** On some courses, the Discussions tool is located above Course Tools.

**Tip:** Refer students to the [Getting Started Guide for Students](http://pinterest.com/pearsonstudents/student-success/) for help with navigating your MyMathLab course.

"I used MyMathLab to complete my Finite Mathematics course and MyStatLab to complete my Introduction to Statistics course. These were not easy classes. MyMathLab and MyStatLab both explained each problem clearly and thoroughly by providing examples of similar problems."

Explore the instructor view

Your MyMathLab or MyStatLab instructor account gives you access to a wide variety of tools and resources to help you manage and teach your course. In this lesson, you will explore the instructor course tools and instructor resources in your MyMathLab or MyStatLab course.

1. **Explore instructor course tools.**

   Click **Course Tools** in the course menu. You can use the tools marked with the icon to manage your course. Click **Announcements Manager**. The Home Page Manager is where you customize the settings and post announcements for the Course Home page. You will learn how to do this in Lesson 3.

   **Tip:** You can also access the Announcement Manager from the Course Home page. Click **modify** at the top right of the page and select **Manage Announcements**.

   ![Home Page Manager](image)

   Click **Assignment Manager** in the course menu. The Homework/Test Manager is where you create and manage your assignments. You will learn how to do this in Lessons 4 through 8.

   ![Homework/Test Manager](image)

   Click **Study Plan Manager** in the course menu. This is where you customize the coverage, mastery options, and scoring options for the Study Plan. You will learn how to do this in Lesson 9.

   ![Study Plan Manager](image)
Click **Gradebook** under Course Tools in the course menu. The instructor Gradebook is where you view student results on your assignments and manage student grades. You will learn more about the gradebook in Lesson 10 and in MyMathLab/MyStatLab – Intermediate.

Note: The student Gradebook only lists the student’s results. Instructors can access the instructor Gradebook from the student Gradebook by clicking **modify** at the top right of the Gradebook and select **Manage**.

Click **Course Roster** in the course menu. The Course Roster is where you make a student active or inactive in your course. You will learn how to do this in MyMathLab/MyStatLab – Intermediate.
2. **Explore instructor resources.**
Click **Instructor Resources** in the course menu. On the Instructor Resources page, you will see links to instructor supplements such as the Instructor's Solutions Manual, Printed Test Bank, and PowerPoint Lecture Slides that accompany your textbook.

Note: The number and type of instructor resources available depends on the textbook you are using.

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**Instructor Resources**

**Instructor Help**

Access [instructor help resources](#) for teaching with MyMathLab/MyStatLab.

**How do I...?**

View a [Quick Reference Guide](#) for working with MyMathLab/MyStatLab.

**For More Information**

Visit [www.mymathlab.com](http://www.mymathlab.com) to learn about MyMathLab news, events, and faculty resources. Visit [Pearson's online catalog](#) for a full description of the textbook for this course and its supplements.

**Instructor Resources**

**Online Exercise Listing**

See a list of the [online exercises](#) that are available for you to assign in this course using the Assignment Manager.

**Answer for MyWorkBook with Chapter Summaries**

View the answers to the MyWorkBook with Chapter Summaries, which often contains practice questions.

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**Explore the help and support resources**

You and your students have access to a variety of help features for MyMathLab or MyStatLab. In this lesson, you will explore the available help and support resources, including 24/7 Customer Technical Support, an online Knowledge Base, tours and training materials, as well as detailed student and instructor help pages.
1. **Run the Browser Check.**
To view and interact with the multimedia content in MyMathLab and MyStatLab, you and your students will need to run the browser check to ensure you have all the necessary components. Click **Course Home** in the course menu. On the Course Home page, click **Browser Check**.

![Browser Check](image)

If necessary, run the browser check for your computer to install all the components needed for your course. Click **Done** in the Browser Check window to return to your course.

**Note:** You can access the Browser Check directly from the MyMathLab website at [http://www.mymathlab.com](http://www.mymathlab.com) or the MyStatLab website at [http://www.mystatlab.com](http://www.mystatlab.com). Click **Support** in the top menu bar, and then click **Browser Check** in the left menu. Lab administrators or IT staff can use this page to install components for all MyMathLab and MyStatLab courses taught in the lab.

2. **Search the Knowledge Base.**
Go to the MyMathLab website at [http://www.mymathlab.com](http://www.mymathlab.com) or the MyStatLab website at [http://www.mystatlab.com](http://www.mystatlab.com). Click **Support** in the top menu bar. The Instructor Support page lists many of the common questions that you may have about the program. Click **Search Knowledge Base** to find answers to your MyMathLab or MyStatLab questions.
Return to the MyMathLab website at http://www.mymathlab.com or the MyStatLab website at http://www.mystatlab.com. Click Support in the top menu bar and then click Student Support in the left menu. This page lists the common student questions about MyMathLab or MyStatLab, and also gives students the link to the Knowledge Base.

On the Support page, click Instructor Support in the left menu. From this page, you can contact the Customer Technical Support team any time and any day, for complete 24/7 live support. You can also send submit a question online and contact a support agent by phone during the week.

Students also have 24/7 live support and can submit a question online. However, students do not have access to phone support.

4. Explore the MyMathLab website. 
Return to the MyMathLab website at http://www.mymathlab.com or the MyStatLab website at http://www.mystatlab.com. This site contains a rich variety of resources for you and your students. Click Tours & Training in the top menu bar. On the Tours & Training page, click Training Resources in the left menu. You have several ways to learn about MyMathLab or MyStatLab and incorporate the program into your course: video tours, self-study training and certification courses, live online training workshops, local on-campus training, faculty advisors, and so on. Take some time to explore each of these resources.

5. View the help pages. 
Return to your course and click Help & Support at the top right of the page. On the Help & Support page, click Instructor Help. The instructor help pages show you how to use the tools in MyMathLab or MyStatLab to design and manage your course.

Tip: Bookmark the instructor help system and student help system in your browser for quick access to these pages.

On some pages, such as the student Homework and Tests page or the Homework/Test Manager page, you can access context-sensitive help by clicking the question mark icon at to top right of the page.
In this tutorial, direct links to the relevant page in the Instructor Help system are provided for your convenience. Look for the blue question mark in the left margin and click the icon to open up the help page.

💡 **Tip:** Join the community of instructors teaching with MyMathLab and MyStatLab by going to [http://www.instructorexchange.com](http://www.instructorexchange.com). You can view and exchange videos on this site, ask questions, post answers and share ideas.

Visit [http://www.mymathlab.com/success-stories](http://www.mymathlab.com/success-stories) to reach how MyMathLab and MyStatLab are changing how math and statistics is taught and learned.

Download the latest edition of the Making the Grade white paper that showcases data-driven case students on the effectiveness of MyMathLab and MyStatLab.