In this lesson, you will learn how to:

- Create an instructor account in MathXL
- Create a course from scratch
- Provide course information to your students

Create an instructor account in MathXL

MathXL course materials include both the student content students and instructors see and instructor-only content. The instructor-only content is only visible to those with an instructor account in MathXL. In this lesson, you will create an instructor account in MathXL.

1. View and download the instructor resources for your course.
   You should have the textbook for the course you are teaching, as well as any instructor resources for your textbook. Browse the Pearson Education website for your discipline at http://pearsonhighered.com/math/ or http://pearsonhighered.com/statistics for a list of available resources. For this lesson, navigate to the Mathematics page and click Developmental Math in the catalog list. Then click Basic Mathematics to will see a list of available textbooks for this category.
Click the title of the first textbook in this list. On the textbook page, click **Resources** to view and download the instructor resources for this textbook.

2. **Create your instructor account.**
   
   Go to the Pearson MathXL site at [http://www.mathxl.com](http://www.mathxl.com). Click **Educator** under Register.

To register for MathXL, you must have an instructor code. If you do not already have a code, follow the directions to request an access code online.

Once you have an access code, return to the Educator Registration page and click **Register**. Click **I Accept** in the License Agreement and Privacy Policy page. Follow the instructions provided on-screen to register your access code and create your instructor account.
Create a course from scratch

Now that you have an instructor account, you can log in to MathXL and create a course. In this lesson, you will create a course for the Akst/Bragg, Basic College Mathematics through Applications, 5th edition textbook.

Note: You can select a different textbook if desired. Your instructor account allows you to create as many courses as you like from any textbook in the Pearson mathematics and statistics list.

1. **Log in to MathXL.**
   On the Pearson MathXL site, http://www.mathxl.com, click **Sign In**. Enter your user name and password, and click **Sign In**.

   Tip: Click **Forgot your username or password?** for Login Name and Password Assistance.

   On the next page, click **Enter MathXL**.

2. **Explore the My Courses page.**

   ![MathXL interface](image)

   The My Courses page is the first page you see after you log in to MathXL if you have not previously created a course. On the right side, you can access Course Tools, as well as Help & Support resources.

   Note: To edit your account information in the future, log in to http://www.mathxl.com, then click **Edit Account Information** under Help & Support on the Courses page.

3. **Create a course.**
   The first time you log in to MathXL, you will be prompted to create a course. On the My Courses page, click **Course Manager**. In the MathXL Course Manager, click **Create or copy a course**. The New Course wizard has several steps to help you create a new course.

4. **Step 1: Start**
   In Step 1, click the **Type of course to create** dropdown list and select **Standard**. This sets up a stand-alone course that is not linked to any other course.
Enter "Tutorial Practice" in the **Course Name** box. Then choose the Akst: Basic College Mathematics through Applications, 5e book from the dropdown list. Click **Next** to go to Step 2.

**Note:** You can also copy a course from another instructor at your school or at a different school. Select the appropriate copy option and follow the directions to make the copy.

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**Up To Speed – Creating a Ready To Go course**
Your textbook may offer a Ready To Go MathXL course which provides all of the same features as the standard MathXL courses for the textbook, but also includes pre-assigned homework assignments, quizzes, and tests. Select **Create a new preloaded course** and then choose the course from the dropdown list.

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5. **Step 2: Availability**
In Step 2, you can modify the course start and end dates, as well as set the time zone for your course. For this lesson, accept the default settings and click **Next** to go to Step 3.

**Tip:** Select the option to make the course not available to students if you want to create a course that is used as a template course.

6. **Step 3: Course Access**
In Step 3, you can specify the course level access for section instructors in your course. For this lesson, accept the default settings and click Next to go to Step 4.

7. **Step 4: Coverage**
In Step 4, you can edit the coverage for your course. You can uncheck the box for any chapter, section, or objective you want to exclude from your course. For this lesson, uncheck the box for Chapter 2. Then, click the plus sign next to Chapter 3 to see the list of sections in that chapter. Uncheck the box for Section 3.1. Click Next to go to Step 5. A warning box will pop up to verify that you wanted to exclude the items youunchecked. Click **OK** to close the pop-up box.
8. Step 5: Learning Aids and Test Options

In Step 5, you can choose the multimedia learning aids that are available in your course. For this lesson, accept the default choices for the learning aids.

Note: For the Ask My Instructor learning aid, you can edit the email address if you want student messages to be sent to a different email address from the one associated with your MathXL instructor account.

You can also choose to test options for your course. You will learn more about these options in MathXL – Intermediate. Click Save to create your course. Click OK in the warning box. You can review and edit your settings on the Course Summary page.

Note: To edit your course settings later, click Course Manager in the course menu. On the Course Manager page, select Change Settings from the Actions dropdown list for the course, and click Go.

Provide the course information to your students

To enroll in your course, students need your Course ID and a MathXL student access code. In this lesson, you will explore the process that students follow to enroll in your course.

1. Provide the Course ID to students.
   Each course you create will be assigned a unique Course ID, listed at the top of the Course Summary page. Click the Course ID to open up a student enrollment handout containing the information your students need to enroll in your course. Print out this page and distribute to your students.
2. **Register for MathXL.**
   On the Pearson MathXL site, [http://www.mathxl.com](http://www.mathxl.com), click **Student**. Students will follow the on-screen directions to enter or buy an access code, and create a student account. Students receive an access code with a new textbook purchase or by buying the code separately.

3. **Enroll in your course.**
   After students have registered, they will log in to MathXL with their username and password. They will then enroll in your course by entering your Course ID.

4. **Utilize the First Day of Class resources.**
   Go to the Pearson First Day of Class website, [http://www.firstdayofclass.com](http://www.firstdayofclass.com). Click **Get Started with Technology**, and then click **Mathematics**. You will see a list of handouts, videos, and presentations that you can use to help your students get up and running with MathXL.

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MathXL is a book-specific online tutorial and assessment system, offering students unlimited practice and unprecedented learning tools. With step-by-step tutorials, animations, and a personalized study plan that recognizes strengths and areas where more study is needed, MathXL gives students the support they need to successfully complete their homework assignments. Register or learn more about MathXL at [www.mathxl.com](http://www.mathxl.com).

- MathXL Presentation (PowerPoint)
- Math XL Registration Handout (Word doc)
- MathXL Video
- MathXL Overview Tour