

People & Places to Support your Math Learning

Professors and GTAs

Your professors and GTAs think about how to teach and how to help you succeed. It's OK to share that you don't understand or don't know what to do, or both. In fact, sharing this shows your instructor that you're involved and interested in learning. No question is too small! So ask questions during class. Check to see if there's time to ask a short question before or after class. And *visit office hours* (or if you can't make those, email and ask about other times to meet). Canvas and your course syllabus list instructor contact information, office location and office hours.

Pro-tip: Review your class notes and work on problems as soon as possible after class. Time with your instructors is more beneficial if you come as prepared as possible with questions you have or the places you're stuck or areas that have you confused.

Peers, Classmates, Other Students

Find a few classmates to work with so you can learn math together. *Option A:* Meet weekly for an hour or more to talk through concepts, work on problems and quiz each other. *Option B:* Work together before each exam: review concepts, do practice problems, even compose practice exams to work through. Best idea? Both options A and B.

Pro-tip: you take the lead! Ask classmates to form a group, exchange contact information, and then you take the initiative to arrange the meeting times. People like study groups, but no one likes to set them up. Make it happen!

The Mathematics & Statistics Learning Center (MSLC)

The MSLC is a drop-in study area that's staffed by GTAs, faculty volunteers and undergraduate tutors who can answer questions and support you as you work on practice problems and homework assignments. It's designed with tables and chairs so you can stay and do work. *Option A:* Arrive prepared to ask questions and talk to the staff about the concepts you're learning. *Option B:* Meet other students in your course and work together! Tables are labeled by course, so you can meet and work together until you have a common question to ask a tutor. Located in Kidder Hall 108, the MSLC is staffed weekdays from 9-5 from the second week of every term until the end of dead-week. Evening hours take place on the 3rd floor of the Valley Library (Sun – Thurs, 7 – 10 pm).

Pro-tip: During busy times, collaborate with course peers so you get even more out of the space and time.

Academic Coaching @ the Academic Success Center (ASC)

Academic Coaches are trained to help you improve your academic performance. Sign up for a 50 minute 1:1 conversation with a coach and they'll work with you on how you're currently approach your math course (or any course) and how you might be able to fine tune some of those study strategies. Feel like you're not studying efficiently? Feel like you know the material but can't perform well on the tests? Coaches can help! Set up free appointments online at bitly.com/getcoachedOSU or come to the ASC main office (125 Waldo).

Other Programs & Support:

- Mathematics Department Review Sessions before exams*- see the schedule on your Canvas course site
- Technology questions:* Information Services Service Desk (Milne 201, online, & at 541-737-8787)
- The Learning Corner* – resource website with study strategies, videos, and worksheets:
success.oregonstate.edu/learning
- Additional mathematics tutoring* in the Cultural Resources Centers and UHDS Dining Centers
- ASC Drop in Consultations* (Waldo 125) – Information on campus resources and how to use them
- Your Academic Advisor* –Course planning, campus resources, S/U/W options, and so much more

