Math 98 Syllabus “At-A-Glance”  
(The important stuff you’d really like to know!)  
Georgia Perimeter College – Fall 2013

Why am I in this class?  
Math 98 is designed to help you build a foundation for future success in the 1000-level collegiate math course that’s required for your degree. In addition to the math, this course also offers structured support for developing a broader skillset for success in all of your future studies.

What is this class like?  
This course uses an individualized, mastery-based approach instead of the traditional lecture style design. We’ll be working with the mathematics learning software ALEKS, which targets instruction to the specific math topics that you need to learn, and, more importantly, are ready to learn, at any given point in time. In this context, math faculty act as facilitators of learning, guiding your progress as you build your mathematical knowledge base and answering any questions that you have along the way. Project RAISE supports student learning via Student Development Specialists, faculty mentors or peer tutors and advises you on time management, managing math anxiety, staying motivated, test-taking strategies, and other challenges you may experience. The campus Learning and Tutoring Centers (LTC) offer FREE tutoring at extended hours, math workshops during the semester, math handouts, COMPASS test prep, and more.

What will I need to get started?  
1. ALEKS access code (You’ll receive the electronic textbook with your ALEKS access. Physical textbook copies are available from the campus bookstores if you would like to have one.)  
2. Calculator (Graphing or scientific, up to TI-84 or equivalent.)  
3. Notebook, paper, writing utensils (Organize your work!)

How much work is involved?  
Plan to spend about 12 hours total in ALEKS each week. You may require more or less time depending on your goals. You can also finish the course early if you work ahead.

How will my grade be determined?  
Your course average is a weighted average of five graded components:  
1. ALEKS Scheduled Assessments (40% of grade – measures retention of knowledge, like tests)  
2. ALEKS Worksheets (10% – one per Scheduled Assessment for review)  
3. ALEKS Pie (10% – percentage of total course learning completed over the semester)  
4. Class Participation (10% – measures engagement with the learning environment)  
5. Final Exam (30% – measures retained knowledge of the entire ALEKS Pie)  
Course grades: A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79 IP = 60-69 F = 0-59

What do I need to pass this class and exit Learning Support Mathematics?  
A course average of at least 70 (C or better) and a passing COMPASS Exit Exam score (37 or higher) are needed to exit Learning Support Math. If your course average is 80 or higher (an A or a B), then you’ll be exempt from taking the COMPASS Exit Exam after your Final Exam.

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