Instructions for Math 111 students to use **mathxl** Online Homework System

Homework assignments #10-38 will have an online component consisting of the problems that are **bolded** on your assignment sheet. There are 5 **bolded** problems per assignment.

Using **mathxl**:

To get to the online assignment, in Internet Explorer, go to www.mathxl.com. You received an access code when you purchased your textbook. If you did not get an access code in that way, you may use the access code in the packet that I will give you.
You may need to know Purdue's zip code (47907) and choose PURDUE when that choice comes up. You will provide your own login name and password, which you will use from then on. The textbook we are using is Bittinger, <u>Intermediate Algebra Concepts and Applications, 6e</u>. Choose your correct section number from the course list.
When you get into the actual program, you want to click on "do homework." When you choose an assignment and a particular exercise, you will likely need to install a plug-in. If the problem does not appear and you see a little icon in the upper left corner, go to the "install" tab at the top. Scroll down to InterAct Math Plug-in and click "install." This takes less than one minute on ITaP computers. During that process, click on using Internet Explorer. When it is finished, click out of all the boxes and go to "do homework" again. I did NOT have to restart my browser. You should now be able to see the problem and enter answers. (You may have to do this each time you use and ITaP computer.)

Doing an assignment:

When you have typed an answer, click "confirm answer" to find out if you are right or wrong. You have unlimited tries to keep working until you get the problem correct. When you are done with a problem, click on "next" in the upper right to go to the next problem. When you are done, click on "back to exercise list" to then "hand in homework." You do not need to do anything else. Your score is recorded in the system. You have the option to go back into the same assignment and work problems until you get all of them correct. You may do this up until the deadline for that assignment. Click on "calendar" to see exactly when each deadline is. The deadline for assignment 10 is Monday, February 7th at 10:00 P.M.

Each of these online assignments will count towards the 50 points for online work. At the end of the semester, your four lowest online quiz scores will be dropped. This allows for the possibility that you may miss the chance to do an online assignment because of computer problems, for example. If your own computer causes you problems when you try to do the **mathxl** online assignments, please use an ITaP computer.

I hope this information is helpful as you begin your online work. I will be happy to answer your questions at the beginning of class each day. Use and ITaP computer if you have problems. Do not wait until the last minute to do this work. I think you will like doing online assignments because you will know right away if your answers are correct.

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