USING MyLabsPlus (MLP) — Web-Based (Online) Homework
*** Math 11100 – Algebra— 2019 Spring – – TR Classes ***

This class will use Pearson's MyLabsPlus for 45 online homework sets this semester. Before you can start any MLP homework assignment you must follow the directions in the Getting Started with MyLabsPlus handout to enable the MyLabsPlus link in Canvas. If you haven't done this yet, do it now. When you are done you will be able to open the MyLabsPlus application with just one or two clicks of the mouse. When you get to this point you may begin doing your MLP homework and viewing the eText for this course.

TO BEGIN THE MLP HOMEWORK (after enabling the application per the Getting Started with MyLabsPlus handout):

Click on the MyLabsPlus tab in the Canvas site for your class (and possibly one more button) to open the application. There you will find your eText, your Assignments (homework), and the MLP Gradebook.

NOTE:

MyLabsPlus is an integral part of the learning process in this class. You should sign into MLP regularly to work assignments and stay on top of deadlines.

ASSIGNMENTS OVERVIEW AND DUE DATE DISCUSSION:

There are 45 homework assignments for the semester, one for each section of the textbook that we cover. Click on the Assignments menu item in MyLabsPlus to see and work the homework assignments.

- You should work on each homework assignment as soon as we cover the material in class, because you will not be granted an extension for technology problems that you (alone) may encounter.
- All of the MLP homework assignments will be due approximately one week after we are scheduled to cover the material in that section. For instance, we are scheduled to cover sections 1.5 and 1.6 in class on Tuesday, Jan. 8, so HW#1.5 and HW#1.6 are due at 6:00 am on Tuesday, Jan. 15. The due date for each assignment is shown in MLP.
- All MLP assignments for this class will be due at 6:00 am on their respective due dates. Extensions are virtually never granted for individual students. Because technology issues can arise, you should work on assignments several days prior to the deadlines. Do not wait until the last day to enter all of your answers.
- The point values for each homework assignment may vary, but it is your overall percentage score that really matters. Your percentage score will be counted as points since the MLP assignments are collectively worth 100 points in Math 11100. Some (no more than 5) of the 45 homework scores will be dropped at the end of the semester, and the others will count toward your grade for a total of 100 homework points.
- The percentage score that you see in the MyLabsPlus gradebook is accurate if you have at least attempted every assignment whose closing (due) date and time have passed. If

you have not even opened and attempted some of the assignments that are now past due, the percentage score that MLP reports may be inaccurate. When I "force 0's" for incomplete assignments, which I generally do after each exam, MLP will once again report your true percentage score, until you once again fail to attempt an assignment before its due date.

- Since you have over six days to work on each assignment (after the topics were discussed in class), and because you may discuss the problems with anyone in the meantime, I expect that you should earn a score of at least 90% on each and every MLP homework assignment. Anything less than that is a sign to me that you are not getting the help you need, despite having ample time and resources to do so. Procrastination followed by technology problems is another unacceptable excuse for poor performance in MLP. It is not unusual for MLP to be unavailable for several hours each week, at random times. When you are unable to access the MLP application, or it crashes as you are working, you will usually find that it is running again within several hours of the outage.

SUBMITTING HOMEWORK:

Work the problems in each assignment. You can work some of the problems and then return to the assignment to work on additional problems multiple times; submitted work is always saved. After answering a question, you can get immediate feedback about your answer by clicking on "Check Answer." This allows you to see if your answer is correct before you proceed to the next problem. You get three chances to answer each problem; if you miss it the third time, the system will show you the correct answer and you can then request a similar problem to work for full credit. For many problems, you will find that you need to work out the problem on paper and then enter your answer in MLP. A special math toolbar or graphing tool is automatically provided to speed up your entries when appropriate. Be sure to understand that all attempts for a perfect score must be completed prior to the assignment deadline (closing date and time).

REVIEWING EXERCISES:

Once an assignment has closed or you are satisfied with the score you achieved, you can use the REVIEW option in the MLP gradebook to safely redo any or all of the exercises. When you "review" an assignment you can repeat the problems any number of times, with no fear of losing any of the points that you previously earned.