Course Engagement Journal Guidelines:

Your Course Engagement Journal should be kept in a three-ring BINDER with the most recent entries in front of the other materials. This binder will be submitted and checked for progress on a weekly basis. The entire binder contents and in particular, the journal portion of the binder will be reviewed on a biweekly basis by both your instructor David Bonds, and Counselor Wendy Horton.

7% of your total course grade will be based on the binder contents. Each time you submit your binder for a biweekly review, you will receive a score out of TEN points. This 10 point score will be based on 7 points for mathematical progress towards completion of the lecture notes, and 3 points for written responses for the journal questions.

Answer the following prompts by the second class meeting each week:

1. Which sections have you attempted, and which sections have you completed?

2. When and under what conditions are you working to complete the problems from the lecture notes? (i.e., Are you working to complete the lecture notes before class, during class time, or after each class? Are you working with a group of students, or are you mostly working by yourself to complete the lecture notes?)

3. If you are having difficulty with the course topics/sections, what are your plans to address/remedy the issue? (i.e., Are you going to the TASC, or MLC for tutoring? Are you making an appointment for help in office hours?)

4. Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns you would like to address?

Sample Journal Entries:

WEEK X Jan 13 & 15

1. Which sections have you attempted, and which sections have you completed?

ANS: #1. I printed out sections 1.2 through 1.7. I attempted sections 1.2 through 1.6. I completed sections 1.2 through 1.5. I’m still working on division in section 1.6.

2. When and under what conditions are you working to complete the problems from the lecture notes? (i.e., Are you working to complete the lecture notes before class, during class time, or after each class? Are you working with a group of students, or are you mostly working by yourself to complete the lecture notes?)

ANS: #2. Sections 1.2 and 1.3 were attempted and completed after class. Sections 1.4 though 1.6 were attempted and/or completed during class time. I prefer to use class time to work on my math. During class, I’m working with three other classmates to finish the lecture note problems. When I work by myself it can get frustrating.
3. If you are having difficulty with the course topics/sections, what are your plans to address/remedy the issue? (i.e., Are you going to the TASC, or MLC for tutoring? Are you making an appointment for help in office hours?)

ANS: #3. I’ve had problems with the division in section 1.6 in the past. I know the section 1.7 “order of operations” questions will bother me as well. So, I made a tutoring appointment with a TASC tutor for Friday. The three other classmates I’ve been working with are going with me too. On Saturday, I’m planning to do my homework from section 1.7 in the MLC, so I can ask questions when I find them.

4. Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns you would like to address?

ANS: #4. I’ve had problems taking math tests and scoring well. Do you have any suggestions? Also, I’m thinking about eventually transferring to a university like CSUSM, SDSU, or UCSD. Who should I talk to about this?
WEEK 1  Jan 20 & 22 FIRST WEEK OF CLASS

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