Keys to Success in Idaho Falls

1. Complete steps of *Getting Started in Idaho Falls* immediately.

2. Develop a reasonable schedule for studying the course material, and then follow it. Time management is often a challenge for students in this course, but planned, regular study may be the difference between passing and failing. Talk to your instructor if you need advice about how to study math and how much time you should spend studying it.

3. Work with the ALEKS courseware on a regular basis—at least four times a week. Take time to read the e-book sections. Write your work down to avoid arithmetic mistakes. The mastery of mathematics requires a lot of practice and patience. Take the Knowledge Checks seriously. You can lose topics from your pie if you do not answer those correctly.

4. Use your instructor’s office hours or the tutoring hours at the Math Center every week. Get help as soon as you are aware that there is something you do not fully understand.

5. Take time to discuss the course material with your instructor and fellow students, and ask questions during class. Also consider forming or being a part of a study group.

6. As part of your preparation for an exam, review the discussions of the relevant course objectives in the *Course Objectives Discussion* on the Math 1108 website. Also check out the appropriate sample exam on Reserve under Math 1108-Potter at the Library. See *Testing and Practice Exams in Idaho Falls* on the Math 1108 website for details. The sample exams on Reserve are not identical to the exams you will take in class, but they are of the same style, level of difficulty, and length, and they test the same objectives.

The Course Objectives Discussion, and the sample exams will help you prepare for your exams in the following ways:

a. They encapsulate and draw attention to the particular objectives being tested.

b. They reveal emphasis and style. The Math 1108 exams are ISU-designed, and the emphasis on certain topics within the exams is not identical to what is emphasized in ALEKS.

c. By simulating testing environments, the sample exams on Reserve can provide valuable experience.

7. *Work hard.* It is not likely that you will succeed if you don’t put in the time and effort.