

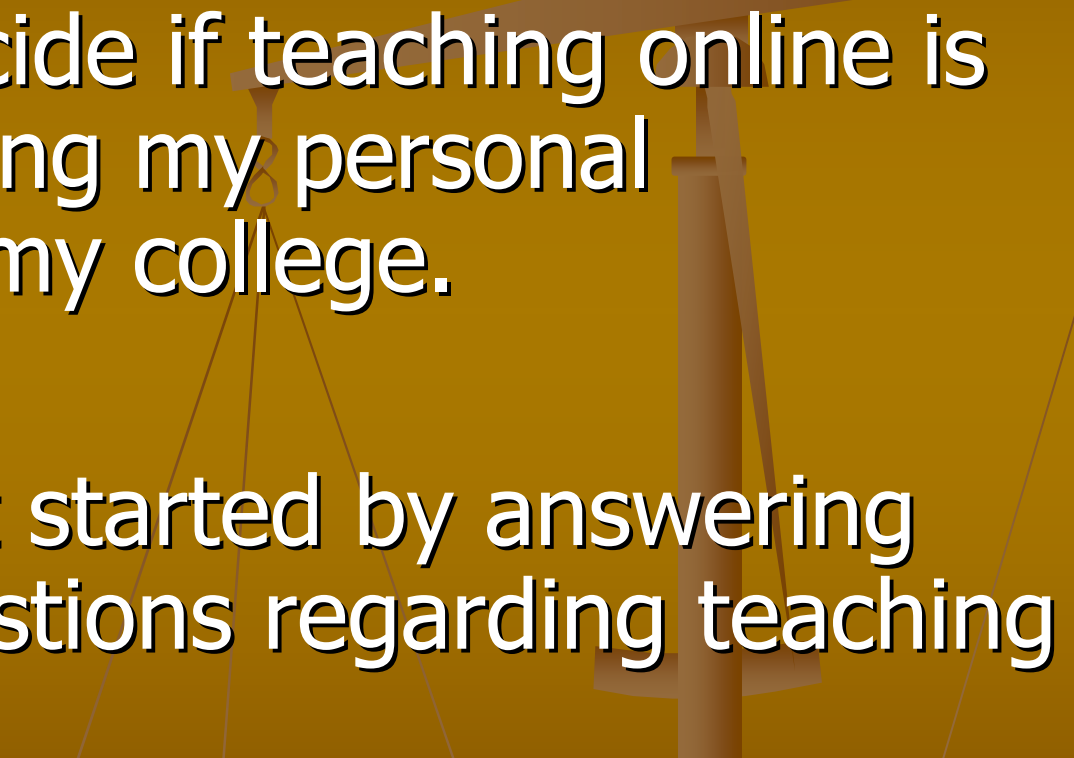
To Be Online or Not To Be Online That Should Be Your Question

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Internet Courses: Elementary and Intermediate Algebra
and Precalculus

Purpose of Presentation

- To help you decide if teaching online is for you by sharing my personal experiences at my college.
 - To help you get started by answering some basic questions regarding teaching online.
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Disclaimer



- What this presentation is NOT about?
 - We are not here to debate the effectiveness of online education.
 - We are not here to discuss whether it is more or less successful than in-class teaching.

Is Internet Education for you?

- Questions to ask yourself before diving in.
 - 📁 Will teaching over the Internet be conducive to your teaching style?
 - 📖 How comfortable are you with technology and/or the learning of new technologies?
 - 📅 Are you okay with a shifting of your workload?



Advantages of Teaching Online

- Less time in the physical classroom.
 - Helpful if you have high demands on your time.
 - Can read student email from remote locations
- A shift in your work load.
 - Heavier during the beginning of the semester but lighter from mid-semester to finals.
 - Work may be *prior* to beginning of semester.

Disadvantages of Teaching Online

- Distance Education
 - Takes effort to “connect” to the student.
- Math “talk” is difficult
- Retention and Productive Grade Rates
 - Do not be surprised if either retention or the productive grade rates for internet courses are different than your in-class courses.



Advantage and Disadvantage

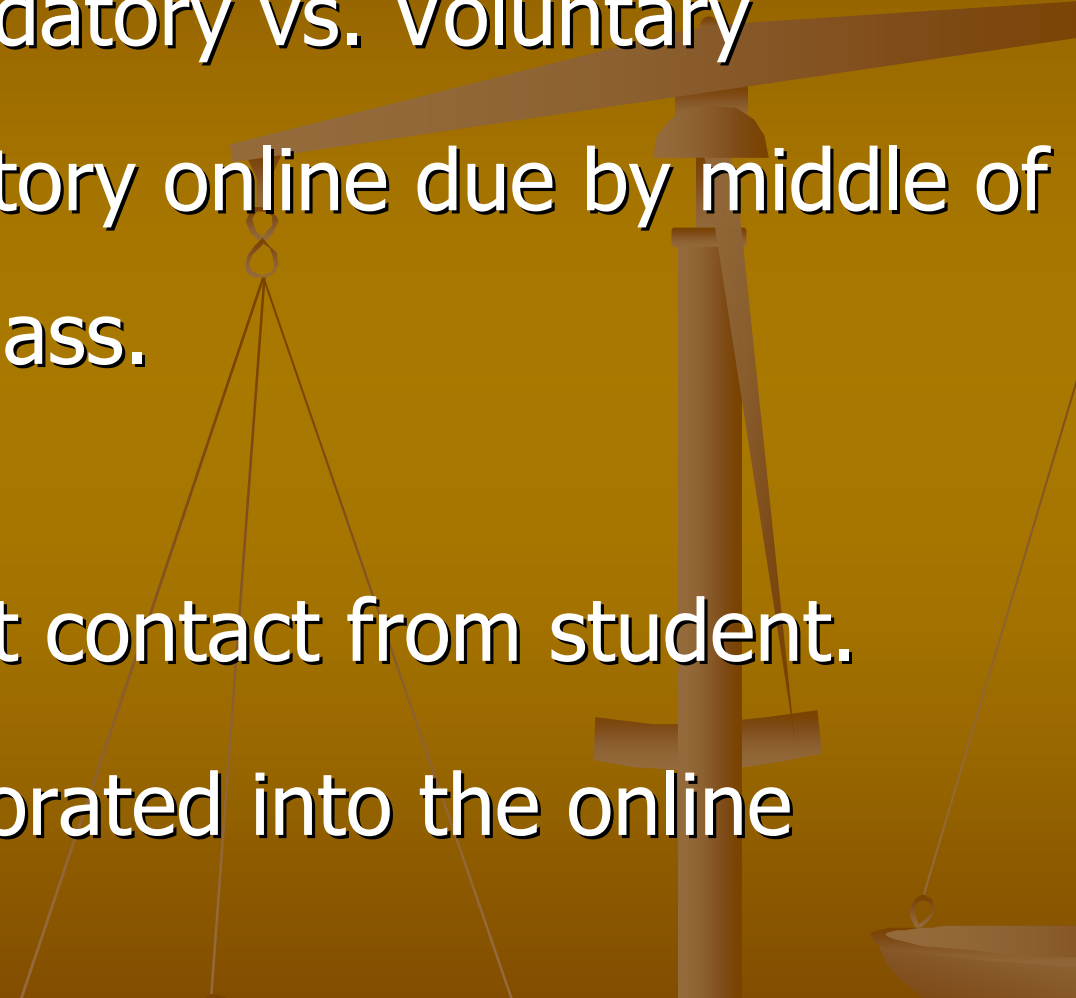


- Shift in workload
 - **Disadvantage:** Heavy, heavy first few weeks of semester and 1 or 2 weeks around mid-semester.
 - **Advantage:** Around week 7 work load is cut by half.
- Less time in physical classroom
 - **Disadvantage:** Feel disconnected from the student body.
 - **Advantage:** More time for other projects.

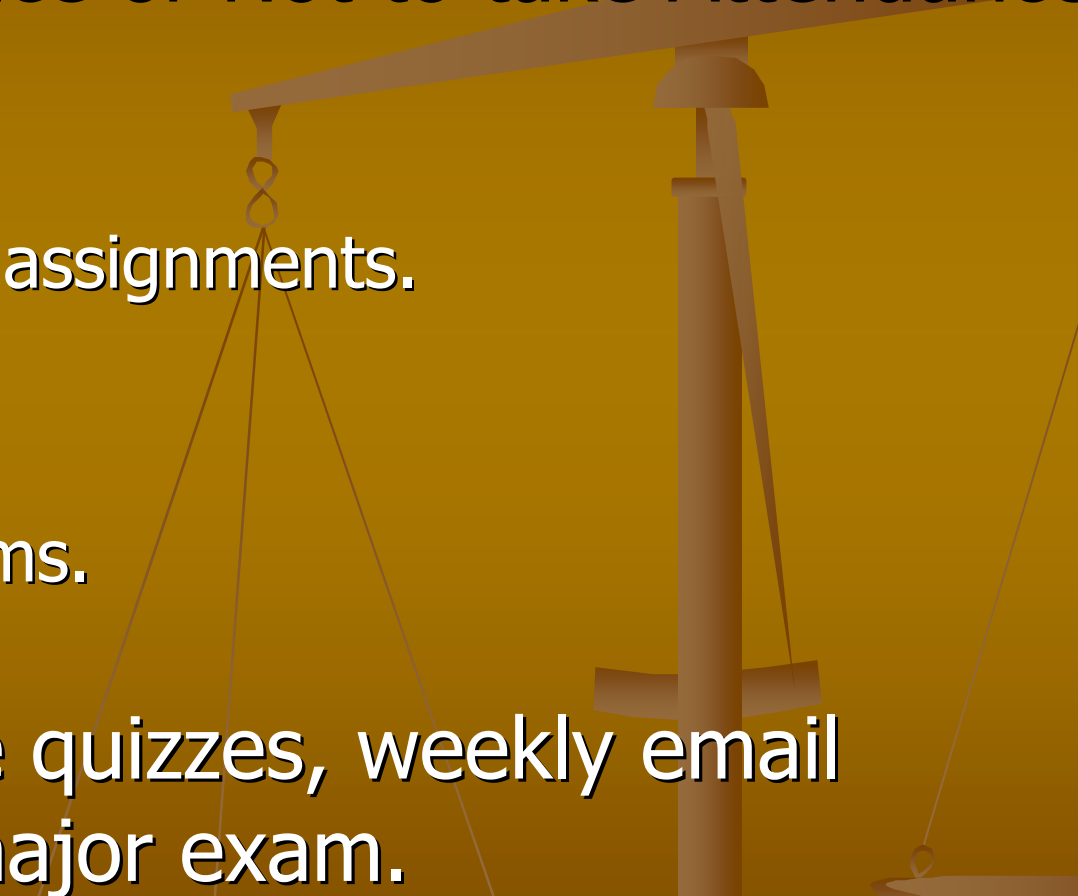
You Decide to Go Online

- Keep It Simple!
 - Design your web site with simplicity in mind.
 - Ease of Navigation for the student.
 - Ease of Design for you – frames vs. no frames.
 - Web Design software choices may be restricted by your college/district technology support.
 - Restricted access vs. Open access
 - Open access – no password required.
 - Restricted access – password required.
 - WebCT or Blackboard.
 - Online Course Management Systems.

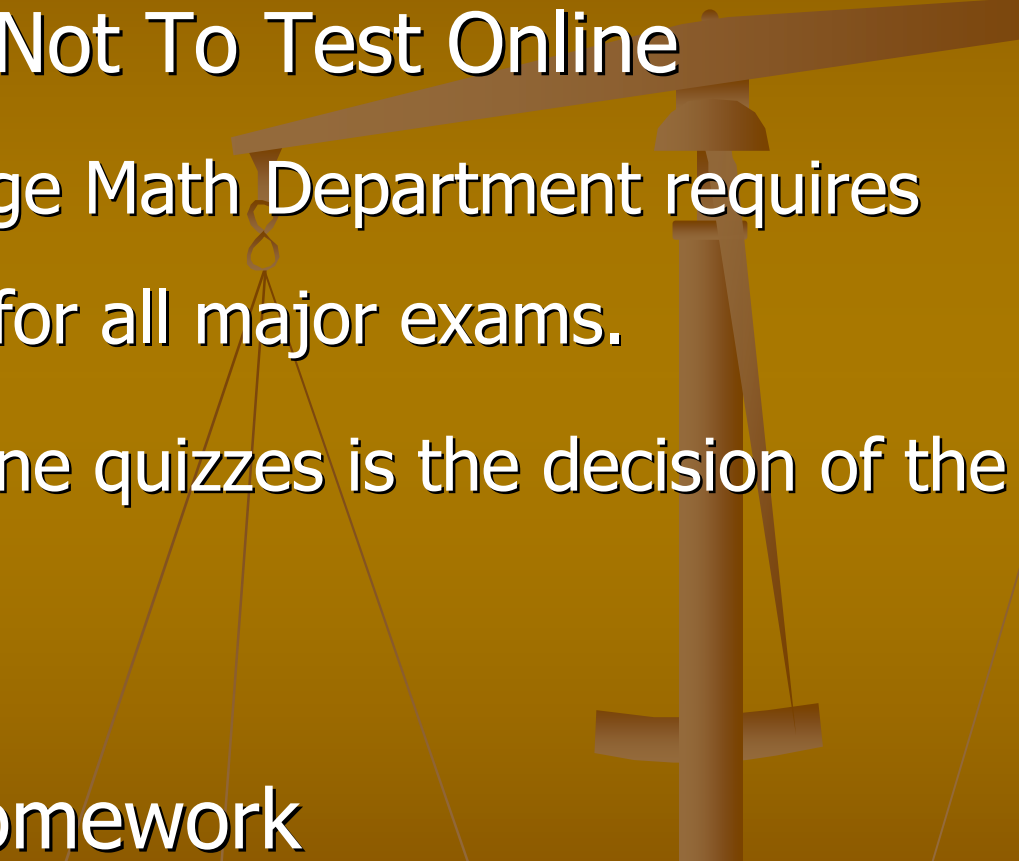
Course Requirements – Initial Contact

- Orientation - Mandatory vs. Voluntary
 - ❖ **My policy:** Mandatory online due by middle of second week of class.
 - Initial Email - First contact from student.
 - ❖ **My policy:** Incorporated into the online Orientation.
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Course Requirements – Attendance

- To Take Attendance or Not to take Attendance
 - Weekly e-mail.
 - Online homework assignments.
 - Online quizzes.
 - Taking major exams.
 - ❖ **My Policy:** Online quizzes, weekly email and/or taking a major exam.
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Course Requirements – Assessment (Page 1)

- To Test Online or Not To Test Online
 - San Antonio College Math Department requires proctored testing for all major exams.
 - Administering online quizzes is the decision of the professor.
 - Exams/Quizzes/Homework
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Course Requirements – Assessment (Continued)

- ❖ **My Policy:** Online homework and quizzes (MyMathLab Lab) – 15%
4 proctored exams – 15% each
Proctored Comprehensive Final – 25%
- ❖ **In Past:**
Homework/quizzes (combination) – 10%
4 exams plus final – 90% (18% each)

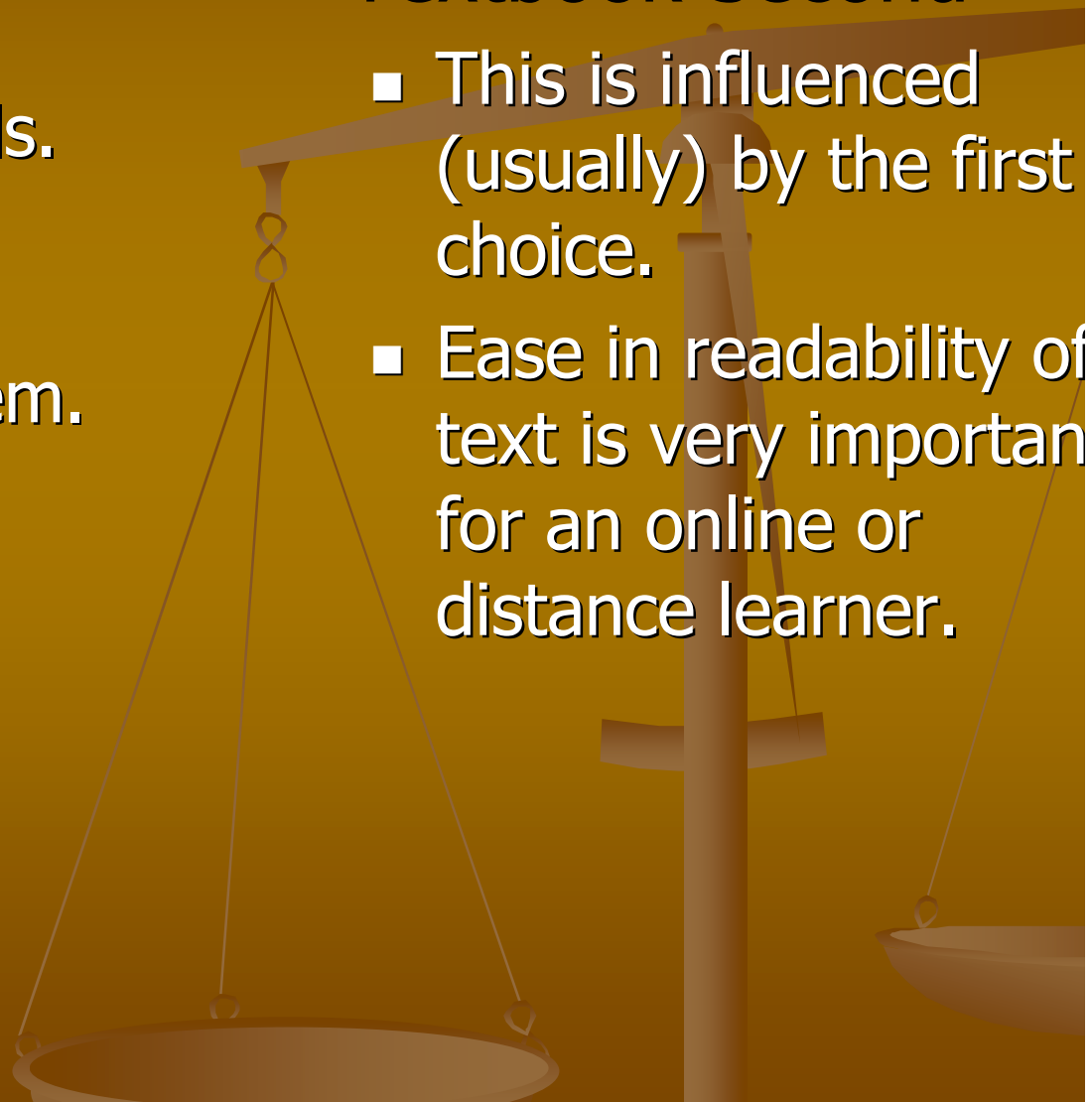
Choose a Text & Supplements

■ Supplements First

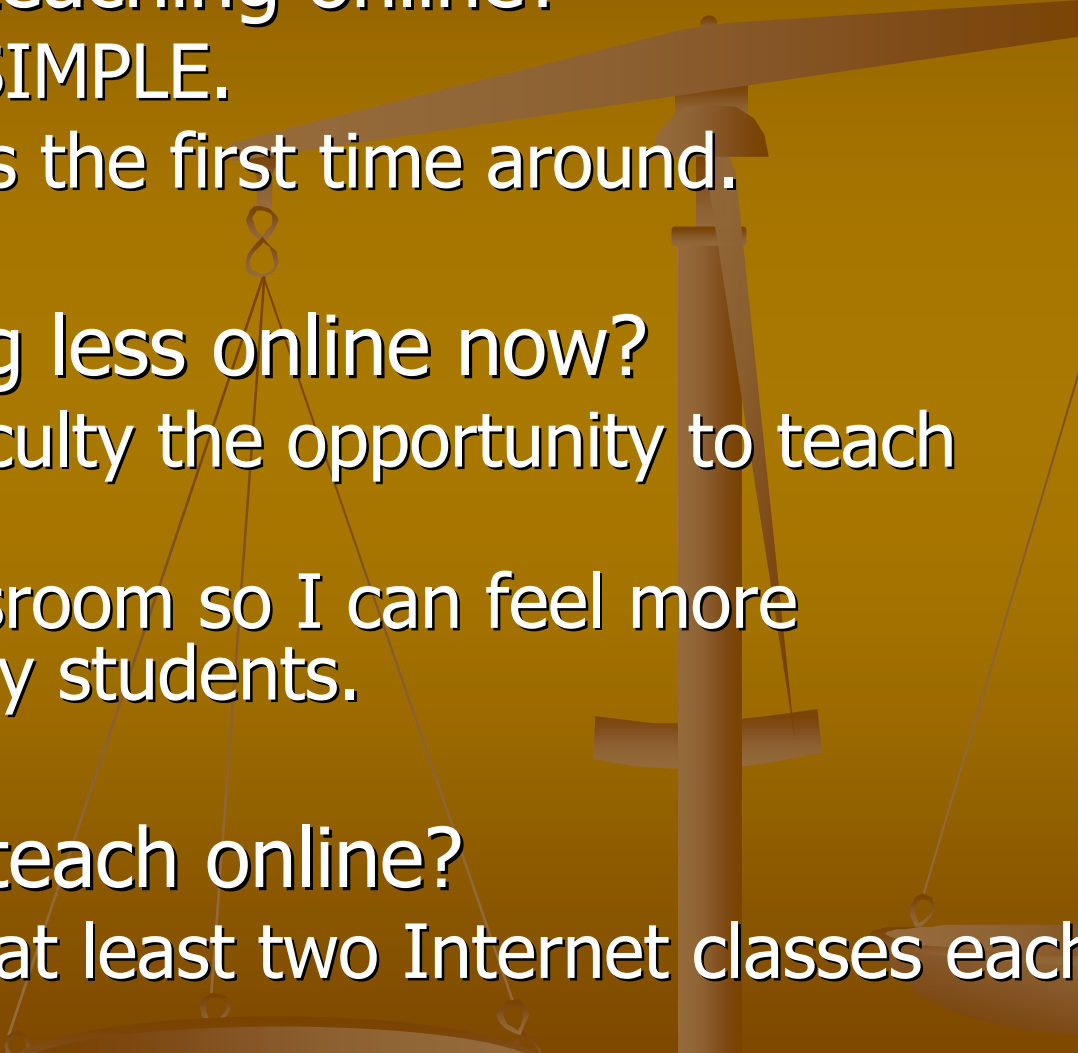
- Video DVD Tutorials.
- Online Course Management System.
- Student solutions manual.
- Tutorial interactive software.

■ Textbook Second

- This is influenced (usually) by the first choice.
- Ease in readability of text is very important for an online or distance learner.



Conclusion

- Do I recommend teaching online?
 - Yes, but keep it SIMPLE.
 - Limit your choices the first time around.
 - Why am I teaching less online now?
 - To give newer faculty the opportunity to teach online.
 - To be in the classroom so I can feel more “connected” to my students.
 - Will I continue to teach online?
 - Yes. I will teach at least two Internet classes each semester.
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Thank you so much for your time this
afternoon!

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