

Welcome to Schremmer's SPRING 2017 class:

MATH 161 - Precalculus. Section 006 (CRN 11993)

Meeting time: **Tuesday–Thursday 9:40 – 11:10**

Room: Bonnell Building **BR-18**

Instructor: **Schremmer**

Many students tell me “I was never good in Math”.

But, as a well-known mathematician wrote recently in the journal of the American Mathematical Society, “If Americans do ‘stink’ at math, clearly it is because they find the math in school to be unlearnable. [...] For the past four decades or so the mathematics contained in standard textbooks has played havoc with the teaching and learning of school mathematics.”

Which is it? To figure out the truth, I will call in my witness, a well known Harvard physicist whom you can read an abbreviated version at <http://freemathtexts.org/CCP/CCPSupport/MazurHarvardDigest.pdf> or the full version at <http://harvardmagazine.com/2012/03/twilight-of-the-lecture/>

In any case, though, **you are used to lectures and I am *not* going to lecture**. So, you need to know about me and, again, I will call in my witnesses, the students who, one way or the other, expressed their opinion of me on Rate My Professors and elsewhere.

I would be interested in reading your opinions—signed or anonymous.

NOTES:

i. I am not up to CANVAS and so I will NOT use it and we will use <http://freemathtexts.org/CCP/161/index.php> for **everything**: This is where I will make **Announcements** and where you will get ALL the necessary **Materials**.

ii. To email me, please do NOT use either CANVAS or my CCP address because they make it nearly impossible to write *mathematics*. Instead, please use **aschremmerCCP@gmx.com** .