

Dear Students,

This class is hard. You will fail a lot and get frustrated. Many times you will feel helpless because nobody knows what to do next or how to even start a problem. You will feel like you do not belong, that you are not smart enough, or that you signed up for the wrong class. But I can assure you that your assumption is wrong. This class is a journey and an adventure and although there are bumps along the way, in the end it is all worth it. I am certain you will learn something new in this class and something mind-blowing. You will have to fight to understand the concepts but as long as you give this class your biggest effort it will be worth it. This class is what you make of it; if you give your best effort forward then you will get the most out of it. However, this class is more than learning something academic, you will grow as a person in this class. You will develop new outlooks on life, new ways of thinking, and new ways to solve problems. You will question things that you thought were concrete and have to reimagine the things that you thought most simple. So congratulations on getting this class, know it'll all be worth it and to also (never) follow your passion.

Sincerely,

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