Future Students Get Ready!!!

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There are many things that you need to be successful for Dr. Kaw's Computational Methods class. Even though these things may be obvious, they are worth mentioning. However, there are many things particular to this class that will also help. All in all, BE PREPARED TO WORK! In this class, the grade one gets is usually the grade one earned.

I learned that the class is very math intensive. You must know your calculus and ordinary differential equations. You know when you see the pre-requisites for a class? You better know those courses well! Computational Methods is not one of those classes that you can forget previous material learned in other courses. If you do not heed my warning, you will be playing catch-up the whole semester. One good way to be prepared is to go to the course website. There is a myriad of information that is useful for the course. Once actually taking the course, watch Dr. Kaw's YouTube videos. I believe they reinforce whatever you learned that day. The saying is very true to this class. "Luck Favors the Prepared"

Dr. Kaw is a pretty nice guy. However, I think he is rather blunt but you shouldn't take it personal. I think it is in your best interest to talk to him on a daily basis. Think of him as a friend rather than an instructor. He is always willing to help students. The one thing I regret when taking this course is not asking for his help. I was intimidated because he knows a lot. Set aside your fear and you will know a lot.

Computational Methods should be an easy course just as long as you are TRULY prepared to take the class. Dr. Kaw is a professor that tells you what you will expect from this course and what he expects from you. Therefore, everything is straightforward. Do what he tells you and you will do well. Now if only I took my own advice, I would have done better in this class!