





## Alternatives to Traditional Lecture Format for Algebra

Some instructors teach algebra using a traditional lecture format while others use platforms that require the use of a computer and/or the internet. Below is a comparison chart for the Individualized Learning Program called the ILP and other platforms used by some math faculty. Check the Math Department Web Page at <http://math.sierracollege.edu/> to determine which platform your instructor may be using.

	<u>ILP</u>	<u>PLATO</u>	<u>ALEKS</u>	<u>MyMathLab</u>
<b>Key Facts</b>				
<b>Individualized</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Multi-Media</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Computer</b>	No	PC or Mac	PC or Mac	PC—Only
<b>Internet Access Required</b>	No	High Speed	Dial Up or High Speed	High Speed
<b>Lecture</b>	Yes	No	No	Yes; On-Ground No; On-Line
<b>Recommended Math Anxious</b>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Homework</b>	Paper	Paper or Computer	Paper or Computer	Computer
<b>Tests</b>	Paper	Paper	Paper or Computer	Paper or Computer