MATH 50  ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA  Fall  2008

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Course Description:
Signed-number arithmetic, square roots, order of operations, algebraic expressions, solving equations, factoring, graphs of linear equations and solving system of equations.

Textbook: INTRODUCTORY ALGEBRA 10TH ED., Bittinger

Attendance: Punctual and regular attendance is required. Please plan to arrive ON TIME, and do not leave before the end of class. Have a little respect for your fellow students who do not deserve to be constantly distracted. If arriving late, or walking out early, it will be counted as an absence. A student who is absent more than 4 class periods may be dropped from the class. If a student wishes to drop the class, it is the students responsibility to officially drop the class by completing the necessary paperwork. Any student enrolled in the course after November 4, will receive a letter grade and can not be dropped.

Please keep talking down to a minimum. If you have a question about a concept or something said, ask the instructor to clarify. Have respect for other students that sit around you.

If you must have a pager or cell-phone while in class, turn it off ring! Cell-phones will not be used as calculators or be used at all in the classroom! I do not want to see phones, PDA’s, Gameboys, Ipods, etc… You are here to listen to what is going on in class and not to come into the classroom to listen to music! I do not want to see any thing in anyone’s ear or ears. Take it outside.

Calculators will be allowed for quizzes or test.

Students are expected to participate in class discussions and activities. You should plan on doing the work that is related to the material being covered while in class.

It is the student’s responsibility to keep up on the homework
and reading material. Be prepared to answer questions related to the material being discussed that class period.

**Other sources of help:** Math Lab: We have a math lab located in ATC, building 21. Mr. Ganapa is a great help to all math questions. MyMath Lab software that comes with the textbook. Tutors are available in the learning center also in ATC.

**Important Dates:**
- August 25: Semester begins
- September 1: Labor Day Holiday (no classes, bummer!)
- September 5: Last day to add a 16-week class
- September 17: Last day to drop class without receiving a “W” Grade
- September 19: Last day to submit a CR/NC grade option
- November 4: Last day to drop the class and receive a “W” Grade
- November 10: Veterans Day Holiday (no classes, what again?)
- November 27-28: Thanksgiving Day Holiday (don’t eat too much)
- December 13: Semester ends

**Grading Policy:**

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned almost every session and will be kept in a neat, readable and orderly fashion to be turned in. Homework will be graded on completeness and a demonstration of the concepts and ideas. Keep each homework assignment separate. Homework will be collected on test days. Homework not in order or consisting of only answers will not be counted. I want to see work not just answers. I am interested in the process, not the ability to write down answers. There will be a total of 4 homework assignments due. Each homework will be worth 30 points for a total of 120 points. Points will be deducted for late homework.

Homework, test and quizzes **MUST** be done in pencil. HEY! I am talking to you!

**Quizzes:** There will be 13 quizzes lasting 15-20 minutes given throughout the semester worth 10 points each. The best 10 quizzes will be counted for a total of 100 points. Therefore, you can miss 3 quizzes and it will not count against you. There will be **NO, I repeat No,** make-up quizzes for any reason!
**Test:** There will be 4 tests, plus the final. Test and the final will consist of multiple choice and ‘work the problems’. You will need a scantron for all tests and the final. A half-page, 50-questions each side will do. It doesn’t matter what color the scantron is. Do not get a quarter page scantron.

On the ‘work the problem’ portion of the test and final, answers without the work to support them, in most cases, will not be accepted. The process in arriving at the answer is more important than the answer. Each test will be worth 100 points for a total of 400 points. I do not like giving make-up tests and will only give a make-up test for very, very good reasons. Example: having a baby which can be used only once per semester. Not good examples: Car trouble, you couldn’t find a parking place, too much partying the night before and all other excuses.

**Final:** There will be one comprehensive final given during finals week worth 200 points. You will need a scantron for all tests and the final. A half-page, 50-questions each side will do. It doesn’t matter what color the scantron is. Do not get a quarter page scantron. Failure to take the final will result in a course grade of "F".

**Grades:**

- 820 - 738 : A
- 737 - 676 : B
- 675 - 574 : C
- 573 - 492 : D
- 491 - 0 : F
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