

Syllabus
Mathematics 150 / Intermediate Algebra [MTuWTh class] - (CRN #20883)
FALL SEMESTER 2009 (16 weeks)
Instructor: Mr. Rob Everest

Class Location: MA 207, MTuWTh 10:00am-11:10am

Textbook: Intermediate Algebra , 2nd edition (Miller, O'Neill & Hyde)

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This semester you will delve further into the study of algebra. Curriculum includes linear equations/ inequalities; graphs; function notation and terminology; systems of equations; polynomials; rational expressions/functions; radical expressions/functions, quadratic equations/inequalities, inverse, exponential and logarithmic functions; conic sections; binomial theorem ; and technological integration.

Accommodation: If any student is in need of an accommodation due to a documented disability, the student must notify the instructor within the first two weeks of class in order for the proper arrangements to be made.

Attendance/Participation:

- Three tardies equals one absence. You are considered tardy if you are not present in class for between five minutes up to half of the minutes of any class, regardless to whether that means you missed the beginning of class, part of the middle of class, or you left early. Each tardy deducts 2 points from your participation grade.
- You are considered absent from any class, if you do not attend for at least half of that one session. Six absences are allowed through the eight-week drop date. If you accrue more than these six allowable absences (seven or more) during the first eight weeks of the semester, you will be automatically dropped from the class. If three of these allowed absences occur in the first two weeks of class, you will be dropped from the class. During the second half of the semester, six more absences are allowed before receiving an automatic fail. Each absence deducts four points from your participation grade. Missing any exam before the "W" deadline, without previously informing the instructor, will result in your being dropped from the class.
- Deliberate distractions from class, like sleeping in class; cell phones going off, **text messaging**; not having your textbook, notebook and writing utensils; doing your homework in class; etc., will not be tolerated. Each deliberate distraction from class deducts 2 points from your participation grade. A second deliberate distraction in the same class period will be met with dismissal from that class, which means an additional 4 point participation grade deduction.

Grading:

Individual tests 35%

Quizzes 10%

Final Exam 25%

Homework 20%

Participation 10%

Grading Scale:

89.5% - 100% "A"

79.5% - 89.4% "B"

69.5% - 79.4% "C"

59.5% - 69.4% "D"

0% - 59.4% "F"

Exams

- Quizzes can be announced or not. If a student is not present either the day that a take-home quiz is passed out, or the day that it is due, the student will not receive credit for that quiz, unless previous arrangements have been made with the instructor. **All take-home quizzes are to be done (on your own) independently; that is without help from anyone, including other classmates and tutors.** Any form of group work on take-home quizzes will be treated as cheating, and dealt with appropriately.
- Five individual exams will be administered during the semester at approximate two to three week intervals.
- Missing an exam, without previously informing the instructor, may result in either your being dropped from the class, or your failing of the class. At the least, you will receive a zero on that exam. **If the missed exam is the first or second exam, you will automatically be dropped from the class.**
- **FINAL EXAM DATE:** Monday, December 14, 2009, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Homework is graded in a variety of ways that is to encourage you to complete assignments, including:

- Turning in previous day's class assignment
- Spot check
- By packet on the day of a quiz or exam

If a student has earned less than a 50% overall grade for their homework grade, after the first or second exam grade report, then they will be dropped from the class.

Calculator:

A **scientific calculator** with logarithmic and natural logarithm keys is **required**. These kind of calculators are affordable (in the \$10-\$20 range) and are available in almost all stores that sell electronic devices, and are characterized by having the trigonometric functions; that is, the "sin", "cos", and "tan" buttons. A graphing calculator (many versions/models available) is allowed, but **graphing calculators cannot be used as your sole method of solving problems**. You must be able to simplify & solve problems by "pencil and paper methods", as modeled in class. Both the textbook and the instructor will be using the **TI-84 Plus** (from Texas Instruments, available at many stores that sell electronic devices, and costs around \$100) to model the analysis of algebraic problems with the use of handheld technology. Most students find that the utility, while using these very handy tools, far outweigh the extra amount of money spent. You are to use these graphing calculators though to check the answers that you simplified/solved through pencil and paper methods. You will find examples of the use of these graphing calculators in almost every chapter of the textbook. **TI-89's and TI-92's are only allowed once cleared with the instructor!** Check your calculator, and come talk to Mr. Everest, if you have a TI-89 or a TI-92.

Behavior: General school policies apply. **All work is to be completed individually**, unless otherwise directed by the instructor. **Cheating consequences range from a zero on the assignment to an "F" in the class**. All matters concerning student behaviors and disciplinary issues are subject to the outlined principles in the student handbook.

General announcements: **All work** (quizzes, tests, and homework) **should be done in pencil**, and should be ready to be turned in at the beginning of the class in which it is due. **All applicable steps (solutions/work) need to be shown.** **No late work will be accepted.** **All graphing needs to be done on graph paper.** All dates listed in the regular schedule apply. There will be "no record" shown, if you drop this class by the Monday of the 4th week, (September 21, 2009). If this class is dropped on or before the Monday of the 9th week, (October 26, 2009), you will receive a "W" (withdrawal) on your transcript. After the "W" deadline, the student will receive the applicable letter grade. **No food or drink are allowed in class, except water in a closable container.**