

COLLEGE ALGEBRA, Math 1111
Fall 2009

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ATTENDANCE:

Attendance and class participation are vital to mastery in mathematics. Attendance will be recorded each class period. If you miss class for any reason, you are responsible for learning the material presented in class, getting the homework assignment, obtaining copies of any handouts, finding out about announcements made, and coming prepared to the next class. Your absence from class does not change the due date of any assignment. Please bring your textbook, calculator, pencil and paper to every class.

TIME COMMITMENT:

Success in a college course, especially a math course, requires a minimum commitment of 2-3 hours per week per credit hour of quality study time outside of class. That means you should be spending at least 6 to 9 hours per week outside of class working on college algebra.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Each student is responsible for adhering to the student code of conduct as given on the ASU website. Please be courteous to your teacher and your fellow students.

HOMEWORK:

Homework is assigned EVERY class period and is for your benefit. All homework will be done online. This will provide you with immediate feedback as to your understanding of the concepts. This will also give you the opportunity to rework each problem until it is correct. To get started doing the online homework, please refer to <http://www.aug.edu/~dholt/InformationforMyMathLab.htm>. Tips for successfully completing online homework are posted in the course files section of pipeline. I encourage you to form study groups, utilize tutors, and arrange office hours to help you successfully complete the homework. Free tutoring is available in Allgood Hall room N337. The tutoring schedule is posted on the door of that room and on the Math Department website.

Homework will count for 120 points, or 20%, of your final grade. This is more than any exam other than the final. **YOU MUST DO THE HOMEWORK TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS CLASS.** Please be aware of due dates for the homework assignments. No late homework will be accepted.

EXAMS:

There will be four 100-point exams to be given in class. If you must miss an exam, arrangements must be made for you to take the exam BEFORE the exam date. No late tests or make-ups will be given without sufficient documented reasons. The lowest of your four exam scores will be dropped when calculating your final grade.

In addition to the four exams, there will be a cumulative 180-point Final Exam. All Math 1111 students take the same final at the same time. You must take the final exam to pass the class. Sample finals are available on the Math Department website. More information about the final and the grading of the final will be e-mailed to you by the Math Department in the next week or two.

GRADING:

Your course grade will be based on a total of 600 points:

300 points for your three highest in-class exam scores

180 points for the Final Exam

120 points for homework

Grades will be determined as follows:

<u>Number of Points Earned</u>	<u>Course Grade</u>
540 – 600	A
480 – 539	B
420 – 479	C
360 – 419	D
359 and below	F

WITHDRAWALS

To receive a "W", you must complete a withdrawal form and turn it into the Office of the Registrar prior to the close of business on October 12. Students who stop attending class and who do not withdraw themselves by October 12 will be awarded a failing grade.

ANTICIPATED COURSE SCHEDULE:

Week of	Sections from text		
	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
August 17	R.2	R.4	R.5
August 24	R.6	R.7	R.7
August 31	R.8	Review	Test 1
September 7	No Class	1.1	1.2
September 14	1.3	1.4	1.5
September 21	1.6	1.6	1.7
September 28	1.7	Review	Test 2
October 5	2.1 and 2.2	2.3	2.4
October 12	2.5	2.7 and 3.1	3.2 and 3.4
October 19	4.1	4.5 and 4.6	5.1
October 26	5.2	Review	Test 3
November 2	5.3	5.4	5.5
November 9	5.6	5.7	7.1
November 16	7.1	Review	Test 4
November 23	7.7	No Class	No Class
November 30	7.8	Review	No Class
December 6	Final Exam 3:30-5:30 pm Thursday, December 10 Location TBA		

This is a tentative course schedule. Although every effort will be made to follow this schedule, there is a **very** good chance that changes will occur. All changes will be announced in class, and it will be the student's responsibility to be aware of any such changes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the course syllabus and all policies described therein for Math 1111, Fall 2009 semester.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

TELL ME ABOUT YOU

1. By what name would you like to be called in class?

2. Major or possible majors?

3. Interests or activities outside of math class that you would like to share?

4. What do you like about math?

5. What, if anything, do you dislike about math?

6. Why are you taking this class?

7. Do you plan to take more math classes? If so, which ones?

8. Is there anything else you'd like me to know?