

## Course Syllabus for Math 1111 (Spring 2009)

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**Office:** Allgood N329

**Office Hours:** How about 800-930 MWF, 200-300 Tuesdays, and by appointment. It is the responsibility of each student to seek help when necessary. The Math Lab in Allgood N337 is another resource that is available.

**Text:** College Algebra, by Sullivan.

**Other Resources:** Follow the "Student Resources" link from the Mathematics department's home page ([www.aug.edu/mcs/](http://www.aug.edu/mcs/)) to find a collection of old Math 1111 finals.

**Grading:** Your grade will be determined by your performance on the following items:

3 'mid-term' exams @ 100 points each-----300 points

*Comprehensive common final* (see other handout)--150 points

Quizzes\*

**If your final percentage is in the interval...**

[85%, 100%]

[75%, 85%]

[65%, 75%]

[60%, 65%]

[0%, 60%]

**Your course grade is...**

A

B

C

D

F

\*--Your quizzes are for all practical purposes an attendance bonus and contribute to your grade as follows: if your quiz average is between 85% and 100%, you get 1.5 percentage points 'tacked on' to your final grade. If your quiz average is between 75% and 85%, you get a 1 percent bonus. There is no bonus for a quiz average below 75%.

**Grading illustration:** Suppose your scores on exams 1,2, and 3, and the final were 88/100, 70/100, 70/100, and 105/150 respectively.. That means you had earned  $88+70+70+105 = 333$  out of 450 possible points, for a percentage of 74.0%. If your quiz average was 90%, you would get 1.5 percentage points 'tacked on' at the end. Your final percentage would thus be  $74.0\% + 1.5\% = 75.5\%$ , a B. On the other hand if your quiz average was only 70%, you would receive no quiz bonus, and the grade would be a C.

### Other Policies:

**Attendance:** I'm not the attendance police, but you need to be here every day. I know it, you know it. I will take attendance (mandated by the university for financial aid purposes), but this will not be a direct consideration in your grade.

**Homework:** I find it distasteful to interfere with the free will of others and 'make' people do the homework. But, it's an essential part of your learning, so to encourage you to do the homework, a nontrivial portion (usually no less than about 30%) of each hour exam will come from the assigned homework.

**'Borderline Grades':** If you are within one-half of a percentage point of the next higher grade after the final computation, you will be bumped up to the higher grade if and only if the equivalent letter grade on the final is greater or equal to said higher grade.

**Make-ups:** Quizzes will typically be due at the beginning of class. If you must miss a class when a quiz is due, you may turn it in **\*early\*** by placing it in my mailbox located in the Math office in Allgood N319. If you miss an hour exam (for whatever reason), the final exam will be scaled to 250 points (instead of 150). Using this option is highly inadvisable, as the final is usually perceived to be the most difficult exam in the course.

**Honor Statement:** Each student is responsible for maintaining academic honesty as specified in the ASU catalog.

**Etiquette:** All the common sense stuff they told you at freshman orientation applies. Except in cases of sudden and violent illness, leaving class early (unless arranged in advance for a legitimate academic purpose) may be interpreted as intent to withdraw from the course. Under no circumstances should cell phones be seen or heard in the classroom. Those who arrive late to class distract everyone in the classroom; thus, students who are persistently late to class may be withdrawn from the course in accordance with the policy in the student handbook. Discourteous behavior towards others is unacceptable.

**Guests:** Guests (including children) are not allowed in class.

**Calculator:** You may want a basic scientific calculator. Calculators such as the TI-89/92 which can perform symbolic manipulation are not allowed on exams. To ensure the integrity of exams, cell phones must be put away during exams; thus, cell phone calculators may not be used on exams. If I see or hear a cell phone during an exam, I am pretty much forced to assume you're using it to be doing something you shouldn't be doing during an exam.

**Miscellany:** If you decide for whatever reason to drop the course you have the responsibility of making sure you have jumped through the necessary hoops (i.e. collected and filled out all the forms, collected all the necessary signatures, etc. etc.) before the withdrawal deadline (March 4 is the last day to drop the course with a W). Extended non-attendance will not necessarily cause me to drop you from the class roll; however, in accordance with ASU policy, instructors may at their discretion withdraw any student who has missed 10% of the total class periods. Grades of W are only assigned after midterm in the event of extraordinary (non-academic) circumstances where the student is passing the course and require documentation and approval by the department chair.

