

College Algebra (Math 101)

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Office Hours: 8:00-10:00am Everyday

1:30-3:30pm Monday

Text: College Algebra (4th ed.) by Sullivan

Calculator: A scientific calculator is required for this course. A calculator with graphing capabilities will not be allowed.

Grading Policy:

4 Tests (100 points each).....	400 points
Quizzes.....	100 points
Final Exam	<u>200 points</u>
	700 points

Grading Scale:

A	630 - 700 points
B	560 - 629 points
C	490 - 559 points
D	420 - 489 points
F	below 420 points

Tests/Final Exam: We will have 4 tests. The tentative dates are included in this syllabus, but I will let you at least a week in advance exactly when each test will be. If you are going to be absent on a test day, you may take the exam early. However, if you do not let me know in advance, you will not be allowed to make up the test. The final will be comprehensive.

Quizzes: Homework is a very necessary part of this course. You cannot learn something if you do not practice it. There is especially true of mathematics. That being said, I will not collect your homework. This portion of your grade will be composed of quizzes which will primarily be unannounced short quizzes of 10-15 minutes or less. Their purpose is to encourage you to do your homework and attend class. We will have at least 13 quizzes throughout the semester (or more), and we will only count the top 10. Therefore, you will not be allowed to make up any missed quizzes.

Attendance: I will not include attendance as part of your course grade. We are all adults, and I will treat you as such. However, I do expect you to attend everyday. If you miss any class, it is your responsibility to meet with me (if necessary) and catch up on the material you missed.

Overview: We will cover most of Chapters 2, 3, 4, and 6 in our text. In addition, we will cover a couple of other interesting sections throughout the semester. On the final exam, you will be responsible for all of the material we covered throughout the semester. I will be more than happy to help you succeed in this course, but it will take effort on your part. I believe that if you (1) come to class, (2) do your homework and (3) ask questions when confused, you will do very well in this class.

Important Dates:

Final Date to Add Courses - Thursday, August 27

Final Date to Drop Courses Without a "W" - Thursday, August 27

Final Date to Drop Courses With a "W" - Monday, October 26

On the following page is a listing of the sections we will be covering this semester and the suggested homework assignment for each section. Also, the tentative dates of our 4 exams are listed. These may change if we fall behind or get ahead, but I will let you know at least a week before we have a test.