

COURSE: MATH1
BEGINNING ALGEBRA

SEMESTER: FALL 1997

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OFFICE HOURS: M W F 2:00 - 3:30 PM
T Th. 11:00-12:00 AM
or by arrangement

TEXT: Elementary Algebra, Fifth Ed., Charles P. McKeague. There are supplemental student solution manuals for sale in the bookstore. These supplemental texts are optional

OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

- solve linear, quadratic, rational and radical equations, systems of equations and inequalities.
- Graph linear equations and inequalities and to understand the relationship between a graph and the relationship that generates it.
- Understand, set up and interpret the solution of application problems.

ATTENDANCE: Students are expected to attend all class meetings, be on time, and be in class the **entire** class session. **STUDENTS LEAVING THE CLASS BEFORE THE END OF CLASS WILL BE COUNTED AS BEING ABSENT.** I and your classmates would greatly appreciate that students take care of their personal needs (i.e., using the restroom, getting a drink) **before** the class begins. **Five (5) absences** may result in a drop from the course. However if you decide to drop the course it is your responsibility to make the drop official in the Admissions and Records office or else possibly receive a grade of **F**

DROP DATE: Friday, Oct. 17 is the last day to drop this course.

Attendance Grade: Each student will begin the semester with **forty (40)** attendance points. Each absence will result in the loss of **four (4)** attendance points. If you are absent more than **ten (10)** times, you will continue to lose four points per absence, but now these points will be taken from other earned points such as homework and tests.

TARDIES: Students are expected to be on time. It is distracting, rude and unfair to fellow classmates and the to the instructor when a student is late. **two tardies will be counted as an absence, and each tardy will be a loss of two attendance points.**

HOMEWORK: An assignment sheet will be passed out at the beginning of each chapter. Homework assignments will be collected on **Fridays**. The assignment(s) that will be collected which will be collected on any particular Friday will be **randomly** announced on the day the assignment is due. Each assignment collected will be worth ten points and will be graded on completeness, neatness and effort. Problems must be written out (except word problems) and all working must be shown in order to receive credit. **NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All homework grades will be added up and divided by the total possible homework points to come up with a final homework grade.

TESTS: Seven tests, worth 100 points each, will be given. There will be **NO MAKEUPS** for missed tests. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

FINAL EXAM. A two hour comprehensive final exam worth 100 points will be given at the end of the semester during finals week. This final exam is optional and may be used to replace a low test score or a missed test. The final exam cannot be used to replace the homework grade or the attendance grade.

GRADING:

- All your homework scores will be added and divided by the total possible homework points for the semester. This will give you a score between 1 and 100 for the homework.
- All seven of your test grades will be added up. This will give your total test score as a number between 1 and 700. Remember your final exam score can be used to replace a low or missed test.
- Your homework score, attendance score and test scores will be added and divided by 840 (the total possible points for the semester). This will give what percentage of the total points you have earned this semester. Your grade will then be determined by the following grading scale.

<u>Final Percentage</u>	<u>Grade</u>
89 - 100	A
78 - 88	B
65 - 77	C
55 - 64	D

HOLIDAYS: Monday, Sept. 1 Labor Day
Friday, Oct. 10 Staff Development Day
Friday, Nov. 11 Veterans' Day
Thursday-Friday, Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving

FINAL EXAM

9:00 - Wednesday, December 17, 8:00 - 10:00

10:00 - Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 - 12:30