Math 1, Elementary Algebra

Fall 1997   MWF 2 – 3:25 p.m.
#1090   room SS 30
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Objective: Increased understanding of the basic elements of algebra, including solving and graphing linear, and quadratic, equations and inequalities.

Prerequisites: Math 54 or equivalent.

Text: Elementary Algebra, McKeague, and 5th edition.

Attendance: This class will move through the material fairly quickly. In order to keep up you need to come to class. After 4 consecutive absences you may be dropped. If you decide to drop the class it is YOUR responsibility to do so.

Exams: We will have about 7, Chapter, exams, each worth 100 points, and a comprehensive final exam worth 100 points. I will start warning you of upcoming exams about a week before. The lowest exam score will be tossed out at the end of the semester. A missed exam is automatically the throw away.

Homework/Classwork: Homework assignments will be collected the day of the corresponding exam, and will be worth approximately 25 points each.
NO LATE HOMEWORK! There will be some in-class worksheets, about 35, worth 1 point each.

Grading: Grades will be based on the percentages below. To figure your grade divide your total points by the total possible. There is a chart on the back to keep track of your scores.

  A – 85.7% - 100%   B – 77.5% - 87%   C – 67.5% - 77%   D – 57.5% - 67%

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Aug 29	Exam Ch 1 (approx.)
Sept 1	Labor Day holiday
Sept 15	Exam Ch 2 (approx.)
Oct 1	Exam Ch 3 (approx.)
Oct 10	No classes.
Oct 17	Last day to drop a class
Oct 27	Exam Ch 4 (approx.)
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 12	Exam Ch 5 (approx.)
Nov 26	Exam Ch 6 (approx.)
Nov 27,28	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 10	Exam Ch 7,8 (approx.)
Dec 19	Final Exam 1 – 3 pm

Hints: Keep up with the homework, between class meetings.
Read ahead in your text, we'll do 1 or 2 sections per day.
Ask lots of questions in class.
There is also a tutoring center on campus (HE58), and the library has tapes that go along with your text.