

**MATH 3, INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA, FALL 1997, KRCC, 3 UNITS, DAILY  
7 am - 7:50 am IN BE-42, SCHEDULE #1534, MR. PAUL T. KRYDER**

**Objective of Course:** To help you become proficient in the basic concepts and techniques of intermediate algebra, and to prepare you for trigonometry, statistics, and all other courses which have intermediate algebra as prerequisite.

**Prerequisite:** Math 1 (Elementary Algebra) or equivalent with grade of A, B, or C.

**Final Exam:** Monday, December 15, 7 am - 9 am, BE-42. (*The last "regular" day of class is Friday, December 12.*)

**Required Text:** Intermediate Algebra: Alternate Approach by Charles P. McKeague, 2nd edition, 1993. (**Solution manual optional; instructional tapes in library available for you to view at your convenience.**) Please bring your textbook to every class session. A **scientific calculator** will also be required during the second half of the semester; I will let you know when you need to begin bringing your calculator to class.

We will have either **7 or 8 "chapter" exams**--depending on how far we progress in the text--plus a **comprehensive final exam**. (*Exam #1 = Chapter 1, Exam #2 = Chapter 2, Exam #3 = Chapter 4, Exam #4 = Chapter 5, Exam #5 = Chapter 6, Exam #6 = Chapters 3 and 7, Exam #7 = 8.1-8.3 and Chapter 9, and Exam #8 = Whatever we cover (if anything) in 8.4 - 8.6 and/or Chapter 10.*)

**Generic Information (applies to ALL of Mr. Kryder's KRCC semester-long classes, F97)**

**My Office Hours:** To be announced, if any.

**Last Day to Change Grading Mode** (Letter <----> CR/NC): 9-19-97 (F)

**Last Day to Drop a Semester-Length Course** (including this class): 10-17-97 (F)

**No School:** 9-1-97 (M), 10-10-97 (F), 11-11-97 (T), 11-27-97 (Th), and 11-28-97 (F)

**Late adds** (all those who add the class on the second class day or later) will get no extra time to do anything, and will get a score of 0 on anything handed in by the class before they added.

**Cheating** on any exam or quiz will result in a counting score of 0 on that exam or quiz or, in very serious cases, a grade of F for the class.

**Attendance** expected but not explicitly part of your grade. If you stop attending, do NOT expect me to drop you. (*Although I reserve the right to, to make room for students wishing to add.*) If a personal situation arises that will cause you to miss more than three days of class in a row (or more than one day for a class that meets only twice a week), PLEASE contact me as soon as possible to make arrangements to keep up with the class.

**Outside help:** In addition to (perhaps) seeing me during my office hours, there is free tutoring available to all KRCC students at the Tutorial Center, HE-58.

**Special arrangements** for students with disabilities can be made by discussing the situation with me privately (and perhaps working with the Disabled Student Services Office on campus); you may of course depend on my absolute discretion in such matters. (*Students who take exams in the DSS office must take them at or before the time the class takes their exams, NOT after.*)

**Homework** and homework policies given in Homework List. **Quizzes** short (i.e. 5-10 minutes) and usually unannounced ahead of time. (*Homework and quizzes used to "enhance" chapter exam scores.*) Each chapter exam announced at least 3 calendar days in advance. New, large blue book required for each exam (get in bookstore for a few cents). I deal exclusively with points--not letter grades--until the end of the semester, at which time **letter grades** will be assigned on the following scale, after dropping each student's lowest exam score (*each exam has 100 points "possible"*):  $F < 60\% \leq D < 68\% \leq C < 80\% \leq B < 90\% \leq A$ . (*For the Midterm Reporting Date, 10-17-97, your "grade" will be determined by applying the aforementioned scale to your sum total of points from the exam graded to that date, without dropping your lowest exam score.*) I never give **incompletes** except in the most extreme, unusual circumstances (verified, of course); also, anyone who takes an incomplete will NOT receive an "A" in the class (*that is, if you earn an A I will give you a B; if you earn a B or lower you will get the grade you earn*).

**Early/Late Exams:** Early exam okay with very good excuse. [Harder] late exam only if (1) you missed a previous exam, AND (2) you have an excuse verified by an impartial party (e.g. a doctor or a court clerk.) Quizzes never given early or late for any reason.

**Messages for me** may be left at my campus mailbox. In a pinch, you may phone me at home (Reedley listed number). Please understand that I never give out information on individual grades over the telephone to anyone, at any time.

**Several No-Nos:** NO babies or small children in class ever, NO distractive behavior of any kind ever, NO "I had to work" excuse ever, NO pagers or portable phones ringing during class ever, and NO vehicle alarms disrupting class ever.

**One Yes-Yes:** Please participate in class at all times and ask questions in class at any time.  
*Good luck ....*