

Kings River Community College
Math 3 - Intermediate Algebra

Class Hours: Daily 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
Room No: SS 30
Schedule No: 1098

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Course Objectives:

Students will become proficient in following subjects and be prepared for trigonometry, statistics, and all other courses which have intermediate algebra as prerequisite: functions; absolute value, linear, quadratic, radical, rational, exponential, and logarithmic equations. Conic sections, applications, inequalities, systems of equations, matrices, sequences, series, and the Binomial Theorem.

Course Prerequisite:

Elementary Algebra (MATH 1) or equivalent and eligibility for English 26.

Textbook:

McKeague, Intermediate Algebra: Alternate Approach, second edition. Saunders College Publishing.

Calculator:

A scientific calculator is necessary during the second half of the semester; I will let you know when you need to begin bringing your calculator to class. A TI82 graphic calculator will be used in the class.

Attendance:

Attendance will be taken in each class. Tardiness will be counted as absence. Students may be dropped from a class if they fail to attend the first class session of the semester. Any student who missed more than two weeks of class meetings may be dropped or receive an F for this class. College policies on attendance may be found in the Kings River Community College 1996-98 Catalog.

Important Dates:

Mon 08/18/97 - Class begin
Fri 09/19/97 - Last day to change grading options (from letter grade to CR/NC and vice versa)
Fri 10/17/97 - Drop deadline date
Wed 12/17/97 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Final Exam

Class Participation:

Your participation in the instructional process can be very important to your understanding the material in the course. Your participation may include presenting the solution for a problem to the class, answering questions on current topics, or working cooperatively with other students in the class on assignments. To gain maximum benefit from the class, **all text material should be read prior to the instructor presents the material.**

Homework and assignment:

Assignments will be made on a regular basis. Assignments provide students with the necessary practice to acquire the skills taught in the course and provide a means of monitoring student progress. Consistent and timely completion of written assignments is absolutely essential to the successful completion of the course. The assignments should be completed after the material has been presented in class and prior to the next class meeting. **No assignment for the chapter will be accepted after the chapter test.** Homework should be done on 8.5" by 11" lined paper, stapled on upper left hand corner, with your name and chapter/section number on the upper right hand corner.

Tutorial Center:

Tutorial Center is located in HE58. Sign up for extra help when you need it.

Evaluation:
Homework is assigned for each of the sections. The homework varies in length depending the material cover in class. Each homework worth **20 points** which based on the thorough presentation of the solution to each problem and the completion of the entire assignment.

Each test has 100 points. **Final test is required.** There is a strict no make-up (or late) policy on the test. To compensate for illness and emergencies, the homework for last chapter covered in the course will count as a bonus and the lowest test score can be dropped (which includes the missing test and excludes the final test).

Final points = (Average of homework) + 0.80 * (Average of tests, including final test)

Final grade is assigned using following scale: A:90-100; B:80-89; C:70-79; D:60-69; F:<=59.