

**MATH 103, INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA, SPRING 2004, RC, 3
UNITS, #54744, Daily 9 - 9:50 PM, ROOM SOC-30, MR. PAUL
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100-Point, Comprehensive Final Exam: 5-21 (F), 8 - 10 am. *If a conflict with our final exam time is created by another instructor's failure to adhere to the final exam schedule, it is up to that instructor—NOT me—to make special arrangements to accommodate you.*

Objective: Math 103 is the standard second semester algebra course. We will study equations and inequalities in 1 and 2 variables, systems of equations in 2 and 3 variables, functions, rational exponents and roots, quadratic functions and quadratic equations, exponential and logarithmic functions, conics, and if time permits, sequences and series. Meaningful applications of much of the above will be a prominent part of the course. *Review of elementary algebra will be minimal; anyone who lacks a firm grasp of the fundamentals of basic algebra should drop this course and repeat elementary algebra instead.*

Prerequisite: Math 101 (elementary algebra) or equivalent with grade of A, B, C, or "Credit".

Class Meetings: Daily from 1-12 through 5-14 (F, our last "regular" day of class), except for 1-19 (M), 2-13 (F), 2-16 (F), 4-5 (M), 4-6 (Tu), 4-7 (W), 4-8 (Th), and 4-9 (F). *This gives us 82 class meetings excluding the final exam meeting.* After 5-14, the only meeting is the final exam.

Class Drop Deadline: 3-12 (F). Dropping is purely your responsibility.

Required Materials: Please bring to every class your textbook (*Elementary and Intermediate Algebra*, by Charles P. McKeague, 2000), a scientific calculator, graph paper, and ruler. One new large blue book (buy in bookstore for a few cents) will be required for each exam. *Solution manual to accompany textbook is optional and thus need not be brought to class.*

Grading: Based on exams. 6 "chapter" exams planned plus 1 comprehensive final exam, each exam counting 100 points. The lowest single exam score will be dropped. (Quizzes and homework used to "enhance" chapter exam scores.) Grading scale is $F < 60\% \leq D < 68\% \leq C < 80\% \leq B < 91\% \leq A$. *(All official reporting of your standing in the class before the end of the semester shall use the above grading scale without discarding your lowest exam score.)* All chapter exams will be announced in class at least 1 calendar week ahead. All exams and quizzes are closed book, closed notes, calculator okay. **ONCE A SEMESTER GRADE IS ISSUED, IT IS FINAL UNLESS I MADE A MISTAKE IN ITS CALCULATION OR ITS REPORTING, AND NO STUDENT MAY DO ANY ADDITIONAL WORK AFTER THE SEMESTER TO RAISE HIS/HER GRADE.**

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Late Exams: Given for only unavoidable personal or school conflicts; verification required in writing from an impartial party at the time you take the makeup exam, not earlier or later. There will be no bonus exercises available on late exams. (*"I had to work" is NOT a legitimate reason for taking a makeup exam and will NOT be honored.*) Exams never given early; quizzes never given early or late; homework never accepted late.

Incompletes: Given only in the most extreme, serious, unavoidable circumstances; verification WILL be required in writing from an impartial party and I will further check *this* out.

Disabled Students: Such students should discuss with me privately any special needs they may have such as exam-taking accommodations, classroom seating, note takers, etc.

NEVER Tolerated: Cheating on any exam or quiz (*will be dealt with minimally by giving you a counting score of 0 on that exam or quiz*), distractive conduct or rudeness to anyone in class, lack of respect for others' personal property or space in class, cell phones or beepers disrupting class, babies or young children in class (*they cannot cope and they end up creating a distraction*). Audio recording of lectures is generally okay with me provided you let me know in advance.

ALWAYS Expected: That you will attend class regularly and on time (*your job cannot conflict with this time slot!!*), be an active learner, keep up with your homework, and get outside help in a timely manner if you need it. (*FOR OUTSIDE HELP, PLEASE GO TO THE TUTORIAL CENTER, HUM-58. Their services are free of charge to all enrolled RC students.*) **Now, let's get to work!!!**