

Reedley College
Math 103
Syllabus

Course: Math 103 Intermediate Algebra

Schedule number: 77570

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Text: Elementary and Intermediate Algebra A Combined Course, Second Edition,
Charles P. McKeague.

Meeting times: MTWTHF, 10:30 AM – 1:20 AM, 6/26/06 – 8/4/06

Important dates: Tue. 7/4/06 Independence day, No Class
7/14/06 Last day to drop this course without receiving a grade
Fri. 8/4/06 Final Examination

Course Objectives/Description: This course is designed to meet the pre-requisite requirements and prepare the student for higher mathematics courses such as Trigonometry and Statistics. This course will study many topics introduced in Math 101 at a more in-depth level as well as some new topics. In the process of completing this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

- A. Work with functions; understand definition, notation, perform the algebra of functions including inverses, and graph functions
- B. Solve as functions: absolute value, quadratic, radical, exponential, and logarithmic equations
- C. Set up, solve, and interpret the solution of application problems
- D. Solve systems of equations in two and three variables

Attendance: In order to maintain continuity of subject matter regular attendance is imperative in any academic course. Students, who do not attend class consistently, learn less and typically earn lower grades than students who do attend class consistently. You are expected to attend all class sessions, arrive on time and stay for the entire session. If you accumulate 3 or more absences before July 14, 2006, you will be dropped from this course. Do not be late to class. If you are not present when role is taken you will be marked absent.

Grading: Grades will be based on four sets of criteria: Homework, Midterm exams, Class participation and a Final exam.

Homework: Homework will be scored based on completeness and neatness. To be complete you must write down all problems (except word problems), show all necessary steps to solve the problem and show your solution. Please use standard 8.5" x 11" paper (no spiral notebook paper please), write your work in pencil and staple multiple papers together in the upper left hand corner. Record the **class name, your name, chapter, section and problem numbers** on each page of your homework assignment. **No late homework assignments will be accepted.** Homework will make up twenty-five percent of your grade.

Midterm Exams and quizzes: The midterm exams and quizzes will make up the majority of your grade in this course. In most cases a midterm exam will follow the completion of a chapter in the textbook and cover the material discussed in that chapter only. If appropriate a midterm exam may cover more or less than one chapter in the text. The material you will be held accountable for on an exam will be clearly announced before each exam. Your lowest midterm exam score will not be calculated in your overall grade. Midterm exams and quizzes will make up sixty percent of your grade.

Class Participation: In this course class participation is defined as taking notes, being involved in class discussions, asking questions, etc. Each student is awarded 50 class participation points at the beginning of the semester. Anytime you are not participating in class due to lack of attention, causing a disruption, unexcused absence or tardiness you will lose 5 class participation points. Class participation will make up five percent of your grade.

Final Exam: There will be a comprehensive final exam at the end of this course. The final exam may not be dropped from your grade. The final exam will make up ten percent of your grade. The final exam date for this course is Friday August 4, 8:00 – 10:10 AM.

Grading scale:

Final Percentage Points	Grade
90<100	A
80<90	B
65<80	C
50<65	D
0<50	F

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

A blackboard website will be maintained for this course. The web address is:
<http://blackboard.reedleycollege.edu>

User Name = *Your student I.D. number*
Password = *Your student I.D. number*