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**Math 101-56696:** Beginning Algebra

**Class meets:** M-F (8:00-8:50) RM# POR 1

**Text:** Elementary & Intermediate Algebra, McKeague, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., ISBN-10: 0495108510

**Prerequisite:** Math 250 or 257 or its equivalent.

**Basic Skills Advisories:** Eligibility for English 126.

### Description

This is a first course in elementary algebra including: algebraic expressions, linear equations and inequalities, linear equations and inequalities in two variables, exponents and polynomials, factoring and rational expressions.

### Expectations / Responsibilities

- Instructor**
- Provide a classroom climate in which the student takes responsibility for learning.
  - Provide the necessary instruction and model the quality of work to be successful in Math 101.
  - Clearly communicate progress being made in a timely fashion.
  - Cancelled classes will be posted on Blackboard and the Reedley College website.

- Student**
- Only *enrolled students* may attend class.
  - Be prepared with *graph paper*, a *3-ring binder*, *pencils*, *dry erase pens*, and *textbook*.
  - Be in each class on time with *full participation* from *start to finish*.
  - Complete assignments on a *daily* basis.
  - Learn the material that is taught and *seek additional assistance* when necessary.
  - If you bring a device to class that has an **OFF** button, then the device needs to be **OFF** while in class.
  - As per Reedley College policy – **NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES** in the classroom.
  - Follow the class rule – **Be Nice**.
  - Students are responsible for officially dropping the class in the Administrations and Records office or else they may receive a grade of F.

- Attendance**
- Be on time every day.
  - Each tardy or absence requires a face to face explanation before or after class.
  - You may be dropped if you have more than 3 absences.
  - Leaving early may be counted as an absence.

**Important Dates**

September 5, 2008	Friday	Last day to register for a full-term fall class
September 5, 2008	Friday	Last day to drop a fall full-term class to avoid a "W"
September 19, 2008	Friday	Last day to change a class to/from Pass/No Pass
October 17, 2008	Friday	Last day to drop a full-term class to avoid a grade
December 17, 2008	Wednesday	<b>Final Exam</b>

**Grading**

**Scale**    **A** 90-100%      **B** 80-89%      **C** 70-79%      **D** 60-69%

**Tests 75%** There will be a test after each chapter and a comprehensive final. Each test is equally weighted. The lowest test score will be dropped after the final has been taken. There are **no make-up tests**. A test may be taken early with prior approval.

**Homework 20%** Homework assignments may be collected daily at the **beginning** of class. **No late homework** is accepted.

**Quizzes 5%** Quizzes will be given at random. There are **no make-up quizzes**. There is **no extra credit**.

**Academic Dishonesty**

**Cheating** is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner, such as having improper access to answers, in an attempt to gain an unearned academic advantage. Cheating may include, but is not limited to, copying from another's work, supplying one's work to another, giving or receiving copies of examinations without an instructor's permission, using or displaying notes or devices inappropriate to the conditions of the examination, allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the student, or failing to disclose research results completely.

**Plagiarism** is a specific form of cheating: the use of another's words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights. Incidents of cheating and plagiarism may result in any of a variety of sanctions and penalties, which may range from a failing grade on the particular examination, paper, project, or assignment in question to a failing grade in the course, at the discretion of the instructor and depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents.

**NOTE:** *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 or section 504 of the Rehabilitation act please contact me as soon as possible.*

*Please refer to SCCCD policies for guidance on all matters relating to this course.*

**Objectives**

In the process of completing this course, students will:

- A. recognize the real number system, its subsets and how to perform operations on numbers from these subsets
- B. simplify algebraic expressions and solve linear equations and inequalities
- C. graph linear equations in two variables and solve systems of linear equations
- D. simplify expressions using the properties of exponents and perform operations with polynomials
- E. factor algebraic expressions and solve equations of degree greater than one
- F. perform arithmetic operations on rational expressions and solve equations containing rational expressions

**Course Outline**

- A. Number Systems and Operations
  - 1. The set of real numbers and its subsets
  - 2. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of real numbers
- B. Linear Equations and Inequalities
  - 1. Simplifying expressions
  - 2. Solving equations using the addition and multiplication properties of equality
  - 3. Applying the addition and multiplication properties to solve formulas
  - 4. Applying the addition and multiplication properties to solve inequalities
  - 5. Applications
- C. Graphing and Linear Systems
  - 1. Graphing ordered pairs
  - 2. Finding solutions to linear equations in two variables
  - 3. Finding axis intercepts and using them to graph the equation
  - 4. Solving systems by graphing, addition, and substitution method
  - 5. applications of systems
- D. Exponents and Polynomials
  - 1. Multiplication and division with exponents
  - 2. Operations with monomials
  - 3. Addition, subtractions, multiplication, and division of polynomials
  - 4. Special products
- E. Factoring
  - 1. Greatest common factor
  - 2. Factoring by grouping
  - 3. Factoring trinomials
  - 4. Special factoring
  - 5. Solving equations by factoring
  - 6. Applications
- F. Rational Expressions
  - 1. Reducing rational expressions
  - 2. Multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction of rational expressions
  - 3. Solving equations with rational expressions
  - 4. Solving proportions
  - 5. Applications
  - 6. Simplifying complex fractions