

## Math 201: Elementary Algebra, Spring 2014

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**MYLAB Course ID:** tayar37623

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### **Course Description:**

Operations with signed numbers, algebraic expressions, linear equations and their graphs, inequalities, exponents, radical expressions and equations, factoring, rational expressions and equations, quadratic equations and applications.

### **Prerequisites:**

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES: Math 250 or Equivalent

BASIC SKILLS ADVISORIES: Eligibility for English 126.

**Required text:** George Woodbury, Beginning & Intermediate Algebra, 3rd Edition

You can buy the bundled textbook (which includes the textbook and access code) at the Reedley College Bookstore. Be careful, once you open the kit you will not be able to return the book for a full refund. You can also purchase the access code by itself, without the book. The book is available electronically through the website. All of the work for this class will be done on a website called MyLab for which you will need the access code. Ask for the Math 201 book or access code for Mr. Tayar's class. **Another option would be to purchase the access code through the website itself. YOU WILL NEED A CREDIT CARD TO DO THIS. I will discuss all of your options on the first day of class.**

### **Class Notes:**

Notes for this class are available at the bookstore and are required.

**Blackboard:** You can access blackboard at <http://blackboard.reedleycollege.edu>

**Username:** "your student ID#"

**Password:** "your student ID#"

### **Course Materials:**

- 4 x 6 note cards (optional)
- Two spiral grid paper notebooks, Cambridge brand in the bookstore. No other notebooks accepted!
- 3-ring binder for class notes (see above)
- Paper, Pencils, Ruler
- Non – graphing calculator, TI-30XIIS preferred, must be approved by instructor

### **Online Homework:**

Online homework assignments are completed online and the assignments can be found at the MyLab website. You may work ahead if you like. Each assignment has a due date. Homework will not be accepted late, but the two lowest homework scores will be dropped to allow for any emergencies or missed assignments. You can access any past due assignments for review and to complete in your notebook, but not to improve your grade online. It is important to stay current to be successful in the course!

Note: When working on homework, you do not have to complete an entire assignment during one session. If you need to stop while in the middle of an assignment, you can submit your work and the program will save it for you. You can then come back to the assignment and continue from where you left off at another time as long as you do so before the deadline.

### **Notebook:**

You will be required to keep all of your written work from your online homework assignments in a notebook. Your homework will be graded on completeness, neatness, and effort. Problems must be written out in pencil and all work must be shown in order to receive credit. Your final answer for each problem needs to be circled or boxed in. Make sure to write out each problem and solution. Word problems do not need to be written out. The required notebook can be purchased at the book store. **YOU MUST HAVE TWO NOTEBOOKS!!** This will be a part of your notebook grade and will be due at the beginning of class on exam days. You can earn up to half credit for a past due notebook if turned in by the beginning of the next class meeting. Your lowest notebook grade will be dropped (see attached example of notebook entries).

### **Written Homework:**

There may be written homework assignments for the semester. All work must be shown in order to receive full credit for these assignments. I will answer any HW questions at the beginning of each class. Your homework will be graded on completeness, neatness, and effort. Problems must be written out in pencil and all work must be shown in order to receive credit. I will not accept HW on spiral bound notebook paper. Please staple your HW in the top left corner. If you come to class after the HW has been collected or are absent it will not be accepted for full credit (see late notebook policy above). It is your responsibility to keep up with the pace of the class.

### **In-Class Assignments:**

There will be quizzes, in-class assignments and possibly group work assigned throughout the semester. No in class assignments can be made up so attendance is very important. These assignments may be included as part of your HW grade.

**Attendance:**

If you are absent more than 1) once during the first week of the semester, 2) three times during the first nine weeks, 3) or five times over the course of the entire semester you may be dropped from the course. Attendance is a key factor in your success as a college student. Students are expected to attend all class meetings, be on time, and be in class the entire class session. However, if you decide to drop the course, it is your responsibility to make the drop official in the Admissions and Records office or else possibly receive an F in the course. Also, there are to be no visitors in class for any reason. Pagers, cell-phones, CD/DVD/MP3 players, and any other electronic device must be turned off, silenced, and out of sight before entering class. You will be asked to leave if your phone rings in class and you will be marked absent for that day. Also, cell phones are NOT to be used as calculators.

**Tardies:**

It is distracting, rude and unfair to classmates and to the instructor when a student is late. Leaving class at anytime during the lecture or exams will not be allowed. Please use the restroom/make phone calls before or after class. If you leave class at any time, it will count as an absence. Two tardies will be counted as an absence. You are responsible for telling me, at the end of class, that you were tardy to avoid being marked absent.

**Exams:**

There will be an exam at the end of each unit, approximately every 2-3 weeks. Each exam will be worth 100 points. There are no make-ups for missed exams. No exceptions. Calling the day of the exam and telling me that you cannot make it to class is inexcusable.

**Final Exam:**

A final exam worth 100 points will be given at the end of the summer session during the last week. Your lowest exam score will be replaced with your score on the final if applicable. This will also apply if you missed an exam during the semester.

ALL CELLPHONES/ELECTRONICS ARE TO BE COMPLETELY OUT OF SIGHT AND TURNED OFF DURING THE EXAMS OR YOU WILL RECEIVE A 0% ON THAT EXAM AND IT WILL NOT BE DROPPED OR REPLACED BY THE FINAL EXAM SCORE. THIS WILL BE COUNTED AS CHEATING (SEE CHEATING POLICY BELOW). NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

**Grading:**

- Homework (Online/Written) will be worth 15% of your overall grade
- Notebook will be worth 5% of your overall grade
- Exams and Final will be worth 80% (Lowest Exam score will be replaced by Final score)

<u>Percent</u>	<u>Grade</u>
90 - 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

### **Course Outline:**

- A) Review of Real Numbers (Chapter 1, 14 Hours)
- B) Linear Equations (Chapter 2, 11 Hours)
- C) Graphing Linear Equations (Chapter 3, 13 Hours)
- D) Systems of Equations (Chapter 4, 11 Hours)
- E) Exponents and Polynomials (Chapter 5, 11 Hours)
- F) Factoring and Quadratic Equations (Chapter 6, 14 Hours)
- G) Rational Expressions and Equations (Chapter 7, 13 Hours)

### **Important Dates:**

- January 13 (M) Spring 2014 instruction begins
- January 13 - March 14 (M-F) Spring 2014 short-term classes, first nine weeks
- January 20 (M) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed (no classes held, campus closed)
- January 24 (F) Last day to request an Enrollment Fee Refund
- January 31 (F) Last day to add a full-term class for Spring 2014
- January 31 (F) Last day to drop a full-term class to avoid a "W" (in person) for Spring 2014
- January 31 (F) Last day to drop a full-term class to avoid a "W" (on WebAdvisor)
- February 13 (Th) Last day to change a class to/from a Pass/No-Pass grading basis
- February 14 (F) Lincoln Day observed (no classes held, campus closed)
- February 17 (M) Washington Day observed (no classes held, campus closed)
- March 14 (F) Last day to drop a full-term class (in person) (letter grades assigned after this)
- March 17 - May 23 (M-F) Spring 2014 short-term classes, second nine weeks
- March 20-31 (Th-M) Summer/Fall 2014 registration begins for continuing students
- April 14-17 (M-Th) Spring Recess (no classes, campus open, classes reconvene April 21)
- April 18 (F) Spring Holiday observed (no classes, campus closed, classes reconvene April 21)
- May 19-23 (M-F) Spring 2014 final exams week
- May 23 (F) End of spring semester/commencement

### **Special Needs Requests:**

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.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Students at Reedley College are entitled to the best education that the college can make available to them, and they, their instructors, and their fellow students share the responsibility to ensure that this education is honestly attained. Because cheating, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities erode the integrity of the college, each student is expected to exert an entirely honest effort in all academic endeavors. Academic dishonesty in any form is a very serious offense and will incur serious consequences.

**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 a 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.

## Section 6.1

① Find the greatest common factor

$$77 = 7 \cdot 11$$

$$343 = 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7$$

$$\text{GCF} = \boxed{7}$$

②

$$66 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11$$

$$78 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 13$$

$$\text{GCF} = 2 \cdot 3 = \boxed{6}$$

③

$$12 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

$$28 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 7$$

$$24 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

$$\text{GCF} = 2 \cdot 2 = \boxed{4}$$

④

$$a^6$$

$$a^8$$

$$\text{GCF} = \boxed{a^6}$$

⑤

$$a^7 b^2$$

$$a^7 b^6$$

$$\text{GCF} = \boxed{a^7 b^2}$$

⑥

$$55 = 5 \cdot 11$$

$$35 = 5 \cdot 7$$

$$x^3$$

$$x^2$$

$$\text{GCF} = \boxed{5x^2}$$

⑦

$$3y - 6 = \boxed{3(y-2)}$$

⑧

$$14a^2 + 3a = \boxed{a(14a+3)}$$

⑨

$$315x^2 + 105x + 21$$

$$315 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$$

$$105 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$$

$$21 = 3 \cdot 7$$

$$\text{GCF} = 21$$

$$\frac{315x^2}{21} + \frac{105x}{21} + \frac{21}{21}$$

$$\boxed{21(15x^2 + 5x + 1)}$$