

Reedley College  
Math 103  
**Summer '15 Syllabus**

**Course:** Math 103, Elementary Algebra  
**Schedule number:** 78054  
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**Text:** OPTIONAL, Woodbury, Elementary & Intermediate Algebra Third Edition  
**Website:** <http://www.mymathlab.com>  
**Course ID:** reimer89901

**Important dates:**

**\*\*\*You must have an account and have logged into this course at My Math Lab by 9:00 pm Wednesday June 24 or you will be dropped from this course.\*\*\***

June 25	Wednesday	Deadline to register and login to My Math Lab, 9:00 pm
July 9	Thursday	Last day to drop this course
July 30	Thursday	Final Exam 8:00 am FEM 4E

**Required:**

- My Math Lab Access Code, this includes an e-book but does not include a physical paper book. A physical paper book is not required.
- Access to a computer with high speed internet access, dial up speed is impractical for this online program. The web browser must support and have the latest versions of Java and Adobe Flash installed.
- A non-graphing scientific calculator, my personal favorite is the TI-30XIIS, but any will work. Phones and graphing calculators may not be used on exams.
- Graph Paper
- Lots of determination and time. This class will take a lot of work.

**Course Description:** This course will deal with many algebraic concepts, including equations and inequalities in two variables, rational exponents and roots, quadratic functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, and conic sections.

**Course Objectives**

- A. Use the properties of lines and linear inequalities, and apply operations on functions.
- B. Simplify radical and complex expressions and perform operations on them.
- C. Solve quadratic equations using various techniques including factoring and quadratic formula, and graph parabolas.
- D. Apply the properties of exponents and logarithmic functions to change the base of a logarithm.
- E. Manipulate and graph equations of conic sections.
- F. Optional Topics (if time permits)
  - Generalize arithmetic and geometric sequences and find the kth term of a binomial expansion.

**Attendance:** In order to maintain continuity of subject matter regular attendance is imperative in any academic course. You are expected to attend all class sessions, arrive on time and stay for the entire session. If you have accumulated more than 3 absences on July 9, 2015, 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, it is your responsibility to inform me if you arrive after role has been taken.

**Homework:** Homework will be completed and submitted online through [MyMathLab](#). You will be given 3 attempts at each problem, if you do not get the problem correct after 3 attempts you can click on “Similar Exercise” and attempt a new problem up to 3 times. There is no limit to how many times you can make 3 attempts and generate a new problem. MyMathLab will tell you if you are correct or not and give you an overall score for each assignment. There are many helps available online including videos. Assignments not completed on the due date may be worked on after the due date for 70% credit. Only the individual problems worked on after the due date will be given 70% credit, individual problems completed before the due date will receive full credit. Homework will make up 20% of your grade.

**Exams:** Chapter exams will be given as chapters are finished. These will be comprehensive exams of all sections assigned through that time. These exams will account for 75% of your grade. The final exam will be given on Thursday, July 30, 2015 and will be comprehensive.

**Grading**

Catagory	Weight
Homework	25%
Exams	75%

Overall Percentage	Grade
90<100	A
80<90	B
70<80	C
60<70	D
0<60	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.

**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 ranging from a failing grade on a specific assignment to a failing grade in the course.

To register for MATH-103-78054:

1. Go to [pearsonmylabandmastering.com](https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com).
2. Under Register, click Student.
3. Enter your instructor's course ID: reimer89901, and click Continue.
4. Sign in with an existing Pearson account or create an account: · If you have used a Pearson website (for example, MyITLab, Mastering, MyMathLab, or MyPsychLab), enter your Pearson username and password. Click Sign in. · If you do not have a Pearson account, click Create. Write down your new Pearson username and password to help you remember them.
5. Select an option to access your instructor's online course: · Use the access code that came with your textbook or that you purchased separately from the bookstore. · Buy access using a credit card or PayPal. · If available, get 14 days of temporary access. (Look for a link near the bottom of the page.)
6. Click Go To Your Course on the Confirmation page. Under MyLab & Mastering New Design on the left, click MATH-103-78054 to start your work.