Elementary Algebra

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Course Description: 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.

Course Objectives

In the process of completing this course, students will:

1. recognize the real number system, its subsets and how to perform operations on numbers from these subsets.
2. simplify algebraic expressions and solve linear equations and inequalities
3. graph linear equations in two variables and solve systems of linear equations.
4. simplify expressions using the properties of exponents and perform operations with polynomials.
5. factor algebraic expressions and solve equations of degree greater than one.
6. perform arithmetic operations on rational expressions and solve equations containing rational expressions.

You must have an account and have logged into this course at My Math Lab by 9:00 pm Wednesday January 13 or you will be dropped from this course.

January 13	W	Deadline to register and login to My Math Lab, 9:00 pm
January 28	Th	Must have a paid MyMathLab account or you will be dropped from this course
March 11	F	Last day to drop this course without receiving a "W"
May 18	W	Final Exam 12:00 – 1:50 pm FEM 4

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.
- A non-graphing scientific calculator, TI-30XIIS is recommended, any will work. Phones and graphing calculators may not be used on exams.
- Graph Paper
- Straight edge
- Lots of determination and time. This class will require a lot of work.

Optional Text: Woodbury, Elementary & Intermediate Algebra 4E

Attendence: 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 5 absences on March 11, 2016, 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 for each problem, if you do not get the problem correct after 3 attempts you can click on "Similar Exercise" and get 3 attempts for a new problem. There is no limit to how many times you can attempt a problem 3 times 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 examples and videos. Problems not completed before the due date may be worked on after the due date for 70% credit. Homework will account for 20% of your grade.

Exams: Exams will be given as chapters are completed. These will be comprehensive exams of all sections assigned through that time. Your mean score of these exams will account for 70% of your grade. A final exam will be given at the end of the course and will be comprehensive over all material throughout the entire course. The final exam will account for 10% of your grade.

If you have 5 or fewer absences and 5 or fewer tardy marks at the end of the semester your final exam score will replace your lowest chapter exam score if it helps you.

Homework 20%	$90<A$
Exams 70%	$80<B<90$
Final Exam 10%	$70<C<80$
	$60<D<70$
	$0<F<60$

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.