

Beginning Algebra I
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Math 111 AC  
TTh 11:10 - 12:25

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Materials: *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, Discovery and Visualization*, by Hubbard and Robinson. We will cover chapters 1 through 3.3. A TI-84+ (TI-83+ is okay) graphing calculator is required for the course.

Office: My office is in building 2, room 2307. It is on the same floor as the cafeteria. My office hours will be MF 11:10 - 12:00 and TWTh 7:40 - 9:00.

Attendance: Attendance on time is expected and required. If you know you will be absent, tell me before hand and get the assignment or call one of your classmates. Falling behind in a math class just doesn't work. Irregular attendance is grounds for being dropped.

Homework: The only way to learn math is to practice doing problems correctly after you have figured out how to do them. The tentative homework assignment sheet gives the problems you will work for homework. Each assignment is due the class after we finish that section. I will try to let you know when we finish a section and so the homework is due next time, but sometimes I am so excited to start a new section, that I forget. It is up to you to follow along well enough so that you realize that we have finished a section! If you turn in homework late, you will receive half of the points for it. Often, just doing the assigned homework is not enough practice to prepare for exams. If you need to, please feel free to work more problems! The homework and quizzes together count for 15% of your grade in the class.

Quizzes: Some days when homework is due, I will start the class with a short "pop" quiz. These will be unannounced, and will be a problem straight out of the homework. Some days we will have a "group" quiz in which you will work together with three other classmates for about 45 minutes working on problems. They will cover the material from the sections you are currently working on. There will be no make-up quizzes. Quizzes and homework together count for 15% of your grade in the class.

Exams: There will be approximately 3 exams. You are allowed to bring in one 3 inch by 5 inch note card to each exam. There will be no make-up exams, but your lowest score will be worth half as much as each of your higher exams. Exams will count for 65% of your grade in the class.

Final: The final exam will be given on Thursday, May 24 from 11:10 - 1:40 and will be held in our classroom. The final is cumulative and will count for 20% of your grade.

Grading: All letter grades will be determined by the following standard grading curve:

grade $\geq$ 90.0%	A
80.0% $\leq$ grade $<$ 90.0%	B
70.0% $\leq$ grade $<$ 80.0%	C
60.0% $\leq$ grade $<$ 70.0%	D
grade $<$ 60.0%	F

Important Dates:

Jan 29  $\rightarrow$  last day to drop with a refund.  
Feb 9  $\rightarrow$  last day to drop.  
Apr 2-8  $\rightarrow$  Spring Break!  
Apr 26  $\rightarrow$  last day to withdraw  
May 24  $\rightarrow$  Final Exam.