

Elementary Algebra II

Math 112 AB
MWF 11:10 - 12:00

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Materials: We will be using Elementary Algebra, Graphs and Authentic Applications, Skyline College Edition. You should be able to use your MyMathLab account from last semester. If this is your first time taking algebra with this book, a free access code comes with the book. A TI-83, 83+, 84, or 84+ graphing calculator is required for the course.

Office: My office is in building 7, room 7324A. My drop in office hours will be daily from 10:10 - 11:00. In addition, you can make an *appointment* to see me either on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:10 - 12:00, or daily from 8:30 - 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.

Getting Extra Help: If my office hours don't fit your schedule, or you need a different perspective on the material, there are other ways to get help. The Learning Center in building 5 has graduate and peer tutoring available. Check the bulletin board next to the math tables for the times for the tutors. Also, forming study groups is a great way to learn. There are many places on campus that are ideal for getting together with your classmates.

Homework: I will expect you to complete the homework that I assign in class in time for the next day's meeting. First do the problems in the book on paper, then type your answers to the boxed problems in MyMathLab. In MyMathLab, you can resubmit answers until you get the problem correct, but after 3 tries it changes to a new problem! If you don't complete the homework by the due date, you can do the late assignment for half-points. If this is your first time using MyMathLab, please see me to get started! Homework and quizzes together count for 25% 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. There will be no make-up quizzes, but if you are absent you may do the quiz you missed for "half-points." Homework and quizzes together count for 25% of your grade in the class.

Exams: There will be approximately 3 exams. You may use a 3" by 5" index card on 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 55% of your grade in the class.

Final: The final exam will be given on Wednesday, May 27 from 11:10 - 1:40 and will be held in our classroom. You may use an 8½" by 11" sheet of notes on the final. 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:

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| 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:

Feb 13 - 16 \rightarrow holiday
Feb 17 \rightarrow last day to drop
Mar 11 \rightarrow Faculty Flex Day - no classes
Apr 6 - 12 \rightarrow Spring recess
April 30 \rightarrow last day to withdraw
May 27 \rightarrow Final Exam.