Math 116 – College Algebra
Summer 2017 Course Syllabus Highlights

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This paper contains the highlights from the full syllabus, which is available on the instructor's website.

Course Meeting Information

Section 01 meets from 10:00 am to 11:50 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in room W118a on Richland's main campus. This course meets from May 30th through July 20th.

This is a face-to-face course, but the Canvas learning management system will be used. There is an online student orientation to Canvas and the College that must be completed prior to obtaining access to your courses in Canvas. We will not be using MyMathLab with this course.

Instructor Information

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The best way to contact the instructor outside of class is through Canvas or by email. Please do not leave a voice mail as it will not reach the instructor in time to help you.

Office Hours

Office hours are not required of instructors during the summer term. If you have questions, please make arrangements to see me before class or after class.

Text

College Algebra: Graphs and Models, 6th edition. Bittinger, Beecher, Ellenbogen, Penna. Copyright 2017, Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN-13: 978-0-13-417903-2 or ISBN-10: 0-13-417903-X. (Required)

Electronic versions of the textbook are acceptable. We will not be using MyMathLab in this course.

Grading Policy

Letter grades will be assigned to final adjusted scores as follows:
A: 90-100% B: 80 - 89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: below 60%

Final scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number, so a 79.5% will be considered a "B".

The overall score will be a weighted average of the following areas.

- 30% comes from classroom activities and quizzes
- 30% comes from application projects and take home quizzes
- 30% comes from a midterm exam and comprehensive final exam
- 10% comes from graphical explorations

Highlights

- A graphing calculator is required. The TI-83 or TI-84 is recommended.
- You are responsible for all information given in class, even if you are absent.
- Assessment and evaluation will be incorporated into the daily classroom experience in the form of interactive classroom activities and quizzes. These activities cannot be made up, but will be eligible for a 10% discount and the lowest grade from this category will be dropped.
- Late work will be accepted on graphical explorations, but your grade may be affected.
- Take home chapter quizzes and projects will not be accepted late as the answer keys will be made available in Canvas after they are collected.
- Absolutely no late work will be accepted after the final exam.
- If you plan on taking a week off for vacation, realize that it's the equivalent of two weeks in a regular semester and your grade will most likely suffer.
- There is no homework required, but you may want to practice some problems to make sure you have mastered the material. You will need to spend time outside class working on projects and other assignments.
- Scoring may change if mistakes are found in the grading. Your score may go up or down, so do not settle for the minimum score.
- You *may* be dropped if you miss the first day of class or any two consecutive days after that without communicating with the instructor.
- Graphical explorations, application projects, and take home quizzes are graded holistically using an *awesome* (105%), *good* (90%), *okay* (75%), *fair* (60%), *poor* (45%), and *none* (0%) system.
- Your grade in Canvas may show a + or - after the grade. These are advisory in nature and will not appear on your transcript.
- This course makes heavy use of technology, but it is not the focus of the course.
- You are expected to read and attempt the material that will be covered in class before coming to class.