

MATH 116 – College Algebra

Summer 2018 Course Syllabus Highlights

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 S137 on Richland's main campus. This course meets from May 29th through July 19th.

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.

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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". Your grade in Canvas may show a + or - after the grade. These are advisory in nature and will not appear on your transcript.

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

- 30% from a midterm exam and comprehensive final exam.
- 25% from application projects and take home quizzes. These will not be accepted late.
- 25% from homework, which is due before the next class period. Homework may be turned in up to 1 class period late with a 10% penalty. The 2 lowest grades will be dropped.
- 10% from classroom activities and other quizzes. These generally cannot be made up, but the lowest grade will be dropped.
- 10% from graphical explorations, which may be turned up to 2 calendar days late with a reduction in score.

Highlights

- You should expect to spend a minimum of 20 hours per week working on this course.
- 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 may be incorporated into the 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.
- Full credit will not be awarded for late work.
- 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.
- 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.
- This course makes heavy use of technology, but it is not the focus of the course.
- Some topics have been moved to outside assignments to free up class time so the course is not so rushed. You will have assignments over material that is not covered in lecture.
- You are expected to read and attempt the material that will be covered in class before coming to class.
- You will need Microsoft Word for some of the assignments
- Piazza, linked through Canvas, is a discussion tool for you to use to ask questions and help each other out. Do not directly provide answers to questions.