

Math 1111 - College Algebra - Online

Spring Semester 2008

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Office Hours

Note: Other office hours may be scheduled by appointment.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
11 – 2 pm	None	11 – 2 pm	12:30 -2:30 pm	11 – 1 pm

Prerequisites: Compass score **37** or higher or SAT Math score of **400** or higher.

Text: College Algebra, 7th edition, Larson and Hostetler.

Note: You have the option of buying a Eduspace passcode that has the textbook included online. (This is a less expensive option to buying a printed textbook.)

Course Content: Selected sections of chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 of textbook.

Course Objectives: The student will:

1. Demonstrate mastery of the topics covered in this course.
2. Understand and use the vocabulary of algebra.
3. Demonstrate enhanced problem-solving skills.
4. Demonstrate improved mathematical study skills.

Grades: Grades will be based on the following:

- 1.) **Homework** Regular homework assignments will be given for a total of 100 points. See class website.
- 2.) **Tests** 4 will be given worth 100 points each 400 points total. Test will be given on the following dates: _____, _____, _____, and _____. Times and locations will be announced on the class website. There will be no makeup tests.
- 3.) **Final Exam** (100 points) - A comprehensive final exam covering all material from the semester will be given on _____. No exemptions or make-ups will be granted for the final exam. **EVERYONE MUST TAKE THE FINAL EXAM!**

Your **final grade** is determined by dividing points earned by points possible. You can earn approximately 600 points total. Your current grade information will always be posted during the semester on the GAView Vista website.

A 90-100 %	B 80-89 %	C 70-79 %	D 60-69 %	F 0-59 %
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Withdrawal Date: The last day to withdraw from classes without academic penalty is 3/10/08

Computer Requirements: Because this is an online course, it is extremely important that you have fast (Broadband), reliable, daily internet access. Not only do you need one computer with fast internet access but you need access to another computer in case your first computer crashes or your internet goes down. You may use the computer labs at EGC campus, the GSU campus, or local library. **WARNING:** having technical difficulties will not be an acceptable excuse for failing to complete the assignments.

Class Materials: The class materials are organized on a website. Each section of the textbook has class notes and a lecture video. You are expected to view this material, study on your own and complete the assigned textbook problems according to the schedule posted. The tests are based on the lectures and textbook type homework problems it is very important that you work all the problems. **The key to success in this class is to thoroughly work and understand all homework assigned.**

Homework Problem Sets: Additional homework sets will be assigned and completed for a grade. These assignments will be based on the textbook exercises and should be done AFTER you have practiced the textbook exercises. You must make sure the problems are correct and turned in to me. It is okay to get help with these problems. You can see me during office hours, you can see the tutor, or work with friends but you need to make sure YOU understand the work and submit your own work. I do not expect to see the same work handed in for different students. I will consider this academic dishonesty. (See below)

Exam/Test Procedures

The course will have four tests and a final exam that will be administered on GSU campus in a classroom proctored by the instructor. Proof of identification will be required in order to take a test either student id or drivers license. Alternate testing sites require the approval of the instructor and administration.

Calculator Policy: The TI-83/84 graphing calculator is recommended, but not required. No unauthorized material may be stored in a calculator. Your calculator memory should be empty. I will check your calculator memory before each test. **NO CELL PHONES allowed for use as a calculator !**

Academic Dishonesty: (Plagiarism):

I expect complete integrity from all students on all work submitted for evaluation. Students guilty of cheating on any homework/test/exam will receive a grade of “zero” for that homework/test/exam, at least, and may fail the course. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will maintain a file of all incidents of academic dishonesty. A more complete statement on academic integrity may be found in the student handbook.

General Education Learning Outcomes: See class website.

Additional Help: Tutorial center hours:

ADA Statement:

If any student has special needs because of learning disabilities or other disabilities, the student should provide the proper documentation and discuss this problem with the instructor in the privacy of their office.

Comments: It is extremely important for you to spend the time necessary to complete the homework. If you do not understand a section after studying and working the assigned problems, please get help immediately. Do not wait until the test. **I am more than willing to help anyone who is having trouble,** but each student needs to realize that the responsibility for learning the material lies on the student. Academic insurance, which allows students to expect the same education from all sections of a course, demands that a certain schedule be followed in this course. Most learning must happen individually, so be prepared to work hard on your own.

Campus Emergencies: In the event the fire alarm is sounded, everyone must evacuate the building at once and in a calm and orderly fashion - **DO NOT RUN** - using the nearest exit. In the event of a severe weather warning, which will be delivered verbally, everyone must proceed immediately to the nearest designated shelter area which are marked by a small tornado symbol. All severe weather shelter locations are posted on the EGC website. Each student should, on the first day of class, determine the location of the nearest exit and the nearest designated shelter area for each of his or her classrooms. If you have difficulty locating either ask you instructor to assist you.

Additional Info: **EGC website: www.ega.edu**