Math 1111 - College Algebra - EGC - Online

Spring Semester 2012	Section:
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Office Hours Note: Other office hours may be scheduled by appointment!

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	None
8:00 – 11:00 am	1:45 – 3:45 pm	8:00 – 11:00 am	1:45 – 3:45 pm	
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Prerequisites: Compass score 37 or higher	Text: You are required to purchase a MyMathLab code.
or SAT Math score of 400 or higher.	The textbook is included (Online) with MyMathLab.
_	College Algebra, 9 th edition, Sullivan.

Course Content: Selected sections of chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 of textbook. Catalog description can be found at: http://www.ega.edu/registrar/catalog/Catalog1112.pdf

Course Objectives: The student will:

1. Demonstrate mastery of the topics covered in this course. 3. Demonstrate enhanced problem-solving skills.

2. Understand and use the vocabulary of algebra.
4. Demonstrate improved mathematical study skills.

Link to EGC General Learning Outcomes: http://www.ega.edu/facweb/irp/Assessment Resources/EGC Student Learning Outcomes May 2011.pdf

Grades/Assessments: Grades will be based on the following:

- 1.) Homework & Quizzes (from MyMathLab) 100 points of your final grade.
- 2.) **Tests** 4 tests will be given on MyMathLab. Each test counts 100 points of your final grade.
- 3.) **Mid-Term** & **Final Exam** (300 points each) of your final grade. A comprehensive mid-term test will be given on <u>3/5/12 or 3/6/12 or 3/7/12</u>. A comprehensive final exam covering material from the semester will be given on <u>5/7/12 or 5/8/12 or 5/9/12</u>.

No exemptions or make-ups will be granted for either of these tests.

EVERYONE MUST TAKE THE MID-TERM & FINAL EXAM!

You are **required** to take these tests on campus <u>unless approved otherwise</u>.

You will **have to bring proof of identification** with you in order to take the tests.

Your <u>final grade</u> is determined by dividing earned points by possible points (1100 pts total).

<u>No make-ups on tests</u>. In other words, you must take a test when it is scheduled. A student will receive a grade of **0** on each missed test. No exceptions!!

A 90-100 %	B 80-89 %	C 70-79 %	D 60-69 %	F 0-59 %	W withdrawal
					by mid-term

A student must verify their attendance when asked in the class or they may be dropped from the class.

Calculator Policy: The TI-83/84 graphing calculator is <u>required</u>. No unauthorized material may be stored in a calculator. Your calculator memory should be empty. **NO CELL PHONES allowed as calculators**!

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 course assignments.

Homework: Homework will be assigned on MyMathLab. You are expected to complete these assignments by the due date. You have to purchase a MyMathLab passcode. The passcode comes bundled with a new textbook or you can buy it separately. I will work as many homework questions as possible in class but we may not have time to do them all. These assignments will be graded, 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.** All tests will be primarily based on the homework.

Make-Ups: It is the total responsibility of the student to get any notes missed due to any kind of absence. There will be **NO** make-up tests. A student who has <u>advanced permission</u> from the instructor to miss a test for a legitimate reason (documented cases of illness, death in the family or other documented reasons deemed appropriate by the instructor) <u>may</u> substitute the final exam grade for the missing test grade. Any student who does not take a test at the scheduled time <u>without the prior consent</u> of the instructor will receive a grade of zero (0) on that test.

Academic Dishonesty: (Plagiarism):

I expect complete integrity from all students on all work submitted for evaluation. Students guilty of cheating on any test/exam will receive a grade of "zero" for that 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 at: http://www.ega.edu/counseling_center/handbook2008.pdf

Additional Help: Tutorial center hours:	call: 912-623-2400 (for Statesboro tutoring info)
•	call: 478-289-2067 (for Swainsboro tutoring info)

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. EGC statement can be found at: http://www.ega.edu/counseling_center/disabilityaccommodations.htm

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 contact me for help. 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. Keep in mind that college is not an institution where students receive all their education in the classroom. Most learning must happen individually (outside of class), so be prepared to work hard on your own.

Campus Emergency Policy:

- a. In the event the fire alarm is sounded, everyone must evacuate the building at once and in a calm and orderly fashion, using the nearest exit. In the event of a severe weather warning 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 difficulties locating either ask your instructor to assist you.
- b. The *Connect*-ED system is a communication service that enables East Georgia College administrators and security personnel to quickly contact all East Georgia College students, faculty and staff with personalized voice and text messages that contain emergency-related campus information (e.g., campus closing, campus threat, health scare, etc.) With *Connect*-ED, East Georgia College students can be reached and provided with vital instructions anywhere, anytime, through their cell phones, home phones, e-mail, TTY/TDD receiving devices, or other text-receiving devices. (http://www.ega.edu/connected.pdf)
- c. EGCS students should make themselves familiar with Georgia Southern University's Emergency Response Plan http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/publicsafety/pdf/EmergencyResponsePlan.pdf In the event of an emergency, EGCS students should follow the instructions of EGCS faculty and staff members and GSU campus officials.

Additional Info: EGC website: www.ega.edu

MyMathLab CourseID: check your email!

MyMathLab website: www.coursecompass.com