SYLLABUS
College Algebra
MATH 140, Section T
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Text: Sullivan, Algebra and Trigonometry, ninth edition

Course Prerequisite Satisfactory performance on placement exam, 2 years of high school algebra; 1 year of high school geometry.

Grading: Your grade for the course will be calculated as follows.
  • Homework: 30%
  • Quizzes: 20%
  • Midterm exam: 25%
  • Final Exam: 25%

Homework: All homework for these courses will be done via MyLabsPlus (an extension of MyMathLab http://iastate.mylabsplus.com). Late assignments will not be accepted, however your lowest two scores will be dropped. Your user name is your ISU email address (or in some cases you must drop the @iastate.edu). Your password is the last 4 digits of your university ID. On your first log in, you will also need your access code (comes with the textbook).

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given approximately weekly. Each quiz will consist of two problems from the previous homework assignments. There will be no make ups on quizzes, but your lowest two scores will be dropped.

Exams:
Exam dates:
• Midterm exam: Some day during the week of 10/5
• Final exam: As scheduled by the registrar’s office.

The final exam will be cumulative. ALL EXAM TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Make-up policy:
If you know you will be missing an exam let me know as soon as possible and we can reschedule. If you do not show up for an exam and do not let me know beforehand you will not be allowed to make it up.

Course Outline: This course will cover the following sections of the text.
• Chapter 1; Section 1.2
• Chapter 2; Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
• Chapter 3; Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5
• Chapter 4; Section 4.5
• Chapter 5; Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
• Chapter 6; Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5

Attendance Attendance will be taken on a regular basis. You are responsible for any material (including syllabus changes, announcements regarding quiz dates, homework assignments, etc.) that is presented or discussed during class. If you must miss class, arrive late, or leave early, YOU are responsible for finding out what you missed - that includes any changes in homework/quiz/test dates. Note that, historically speaking, low attendance rates correspond to low class performance.

Policy on academic dishonesty: Cheating will not be tolerated. If you have to ask yourself if what you are doing is considered cheating then it probably is. Note that you will never be allowed to use a formula sheet, book or calculator during a quiz/exam. Also, you will be turned in to the Dean of Students Office for academic misconduct if you are caught. Check out the Resources for Students on the Academic
Policy on disabilities: Please address any special needs or special accommodations with me at the beginning of the semester or as soon as you become aware of your needs. Those seeking accommodations based on disabilities should obtain a Student Academic Accommodation Request (SAAR) form from the Student Disability Resource (SDR) office (phone 515-294-7220). SDR is located on the main floor of the Student Services Building, Room 1076. Please also review the Mathematics Department’s Disability Statement.

Policies on classroom conduct:
Please be respectful of others. Turn off your cell phones and MP3 players, or anything that may cause a distraction during class. Also, please understand that if you talk in class your classmates and instructor may hear you and could be distracted. If you show up late or need to leave early, understand class is in session and be quiet entering or exiting the room. I will make a point to be respectful to you by showing up on time, answering your questions, listening to your concerns, grading your assignments quickly, etc.

* Items in syllabus subject to change under the discretion of the instructor.