

Intermediate Algebra

Math 120 AC

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Text: *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, 3rd Edition*, by Hubbard and Robinson. We will cover chapters 6 through 11. A TI-83+ graphing calculator is required for the course.

Office: My office is in building 2, room 7307. It is on the same floor as the cafeteria. My office hours will be MWF 10:10 - 11:00 and TTh 11:10 - 12:00.

Attendance: Attendance on time is expected and required. If you know you will be absent, tell me before hand and get the assignment or call one of your classmates. Falling behind in a math class just doesn't work. Irregular attendance is grounds for being dropped.

Homework: The only way to learn math is to practice. On the back of this sheet is the tentative homework assignment with the problems you will work for homework. Each assignment is due the class after we finish that section. I will try to let you know when we finish a section and so the homework is due next time, but sometimes I am so excited to start a new section, that I forget. It is up to you to follow along well enough so that you realize that we have finished a section! If you turn in homework late, you will receive half of the points for it. The homework and quizzes together count for 15% of your grade in the class.

Quizzes: Some days when homework is due, I will start the class with a short "pop" quiz. These will be unannounced, and will be a problem straight out of the homework. Other days we will have a "group" quiz in which you will work together with three other classmates during the whole class time. I will try to give you a day or two notice for group quizzes. They will cover the material from the previous few days or so. There will be no make-up quizzes. The homework and quizzes together count for 15% of your grade in the class.

Exams: There will be 5 exams. One each after chapters 7 - 11. You are allowed to bring in one 3 inch by 5 inch note card to each exam. There will be no make-up exams, but your lowest score will be worth half as much as each of your higher exams. Exams will count for 65% of your grade in the class.

Final: The final exam will be given on Friday, May 28 from 8:10 - 10:40 and will be held in our classroom. The final is cumulative and will count for 20% of your grade.

Grading: To get a C in this class, you must have a C average on the exams and the final. The homework and quiz grade will not enable a student to pass who has not, on average, passed the exams and final. All letter grades will be determined by the following standard grading curve:

grade \geq 90%	A
80% \leq grade $<$ 90%	B
70% \leq grade $<$ 80%	C
60% \leq grade $<$ 70%	D
grade $<$ 60%	F

Important Dates: Feb 2 \rightarrow Last day to drop with partial refund. Feb 13 - 16 \rightarrow President's Weekend. Feb 17 \rightarrow Last day to drop without a "W". Apr 12 - 18 \rightarrow Spring Break! Apr 29 \rightarrow Last day to withdraw. May 28 \rightarrow Final Exam.