Section 1: Description

This course is the first half of the first of two courses (Elementary Algebra and Intermediate Algebra) designed to give students an understanding of the important topics of algebra, and to teach them the skills related to those topics. These topics include arithmetic of real numbers, use of algebraic expressions and solving linear equations. Graphs and applications are stressed throughout the course.

Section 2: Class Information

Class Location: Building 7, Room 7106

Class Meetings: Monday and Wednesday, 12:10-1:35 PM

This course is a Late-Start course beginning on 6 September 2006.

Section 3: Instructor Contact Information

Instructor: Evan Leach

Office Location: Building 7, Room 7107

Office Phone: (650) 738-4186

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8-9, 10-11; Tuesday and Thursday 12-2 and by appointment

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Website: www.smccd.net/accounts/leache

Section 4: Required Materials

Textbook: Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, Discovery and Visualization, 3rd edition, Hubbard and Robinson, Houghton Mifflin, 2002

Calculator: Texas Instruments TI-83 Plus or equivalent

Section 5: Important Dates

Last Day to Drop (with partial refund): 13 September 2006

Last Day to Drop (without refund): 4 October 2006

Last Day to Withdraw: 14 November 2006

Section 6: Homework

Problems will be assigned for homework each class meeting and collected the following class meeting. Homework assignments must be completed on letter-sized loose leaf paper. Homework scores will be based on accuracy, completeness, clarity, and promptness.

Section 7: Quizzes

Up to two quizzes will be given each week. Quizzes will take place during the last ten to fifteen minutes of class. Make-up quizzes will not be given. A score for missed quizzes will be generated from the subsequent Test.

Section 8: Tests

Two Tests will be given. The dates for these tests will be announced later.

Section 8a: Final Exam

The Final Exam will take place on Monday, 11 December 2006 from 11:10-1:40. The Final Exam is comprehensive.

Section 9: Attendance

Attendance will be taken each day using a sign-in sheet. Four or more absences will result in a grade penalty. Any student who misses four or more classes before the Last Day to Withdraw may be dropped by the instructor. Any student who wishes to drop the course must do so via Websmart. Failure to do so may result in a grade of F for the course.

Section 10: Grading Policy

Each student's grade will be based on their performance on Homework, Quizzes, Tests and the Final Exam. As stated before, excessive absence from class will result in a grade penalty. Letter grades will be based on the standard scale shown below.

Percentage	Letter Grade
90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59%	F