

MAC 1105
COLLEGE ALGEBRA
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Electronic Calculators: A calculator with the trigonometric and logarithmic Functions on it will be required. **NO GRAPHING OR PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS MAY BE USED ON EXAMS.**

Bleepers and Cell Phones: These should be turned off at the beginning of class. It is rude and disruptive to everyone else for electronic devices to go off during lecture.

Class Structure: Except for exam days, we will have lectures from approximately 2-2:50PM, and 3-3:50PM. The third period from 4-4:45PM will be used to break into small peer-led study groups with oversight by learning assistants designated by the Math Dept. You will work on homework, ask questions on lectures, discuss the material with one another, etc. Attendance at the study groups is optional, but you can get an extra point on your unit exam total for every two days of attendance. This is a maximum of 10 points in addition to the 340 point unit exam total. This assumes no classes get cancelled. If you are not actively participating on a given day, the learning assistants will not count your attendance.

Final Examination: This will be a 125 point exam consisting of 75 points on the older material, and 50 points on the material not previously tested. See Grading Policy to see how it will count in determining the course grade.

Grading Policy: There will be 5 exams plus a final examination in class. **THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO MAKEUP EXAMS.** If an exam is missed an official written excuse(doctor's note, arrest form, traffic ticket, etc.) must be submitted. A note from a parent is unacceptable. A doctor's note must say that you were too sick to attend school on the exam date. Any excuses must be on official forms, and be phone number verifiable. **IF APPROVED BY INSTRUCTOR, THE FINAL EXAM GRADE WILL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE MISSED EXAM. OTHERWISE A GRADE OF 0 WILL BE RECORDED.**

The unit exams will count 75% of the grade, and the final exam will count 25% of the grade. The unit exams are not all weighted the same. The final exam will be cumulative, and will count 50% of the grade if the score on the final exam is better than the unit exam average. Course grades will be determined as follows:

90-100 A, 87-90 A-, 83-87 B+, 80-83 B, 77-80 B-, 73-77 C+, 70-73 C, 63-70 D+, 60-63 D, below 60 F. No C minus grade will be assigned. Borderline grades will be the higher grade, e.g. an 83 at the end of the term is a B+.

Attendance: Class attendance is strongly suggested, but is not required. See additional comments about attendance above under class structure. Friday, July 17th is the last day to drop the course without the dean's permission. Any notices announcing class cancellation or change of date for an exam will be posted on an official logo departmental paper with the Math Dept. stamp. Also be sure to wait until the designated time to confirm the change.

Cheating: Any copying or working together on any quiz or examination will be construed as cheating. Cheating will be prosecuted by the University, and it could result in failing the course, or being expelled from the University with a permanent notation on the student's record. I grade one problem on a test at a time and I look for similarities!