

Math 90 – Intermediate Algebra *Course Syllabus (4 units)* **Course #18529**
Spring 2008

Class Hours:

TTh: 8:00 am–12:15 pm

Room: LA-10 (bldg. 30)



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Spring Calendar:

Feb. 15 Classes Begin

May 15 Last day to drop with a “W” grade

June 5 End of Spring semester

Prerequisite: Math 50 with a grade of “C” or better. **Be sure that you meet this requirement.**

Textbook: *Intermediate Algebra, 7th edition*, by Bittinger / Ellenbogen. This textbook can be purchased new bundled with MyMathLab (an online tutorial) at no extra charge. If you purchase a used textbook, MyMathLab can be purchased online at www.mymathlab.com for approximately \$50. MyMathLab is strongly recommended for supplemental use by my students. **MyMathLab Course ID: toner42014**

Course Description: This course is designed to serve as preparation for the study of college algebra, statistics, trigonometry and other college mathematics courses. Topics include a review of the real number system, an introduction to imaginary and complex numbers, the solution of first degree, quadratic and systems of equations, polynomials, rational expressions, exponents and radicals, graphs of functions (both linear and nonlinear) and of relations, and exponential and logarithmic functions.

You are required to attend class every day. After 4 hours of absence, you **may be dropped** from this class. It is **your responsibility** to keep your enrollment status current. You risk an “F” if you stop attending without officially withdrawing. Do not bring friends or children to class. **Please turn off any cell phones or pagers during class time (or switch them to silent mode).** No cell phones will be allowed on your desk during exams.

Homework Policy: Practice is essential. Each student is expected to spend at least 2 hours doing homework for each hour this class meets. Homework will be checked on exam days while you are taking your exams. I expect you to practice *at least* every-other-odd exercise in your text (#1, 5, 9, 13, etc.) unless otherwise directed.

Grading Policies: Grades will be based on the 8 chapter exams (chapters 5 and 6 are combined as a “single chapter.”) and homework (The homework scores will collectively count as one exam score after the lowest chapter score is dropped). The lowest chapter exam score (or collective homework score, if that is your choice) will be dropped before computing the term grade. No calculators, notes or “cheat sheets” will be allowed on the first eight exams. (Non-graphing calculators will be allowed on the Chapter 9 exam.) Any exam not taken will be regarded as a zero. Students are expected to complete all exams during class on the dates and times scheduled. **No make-up or re-take exams will be given.**

Grading Scale: A=90% or above; B=80%-89.9%; C=70%-79.9%; D=65%-69.9%; F=below 65%

Tentative Class Schedule

An effort will be made to adhere as closely as possible to this schedule. If we can ever “get ahead” of the pace, we will take the opportunity to do so, just in case we need extra time on other material, later in the course. I will make every effort to keep the test dates as scheduled.

Sections to be Covered In Class			Sections to be Covered In Class		
T	4/15	Intro, 1.1 – 1.7	T	5/13	7.1 – 7.5
Th	4/17	2.1 – 2.6	Th	5/15	Review, TEST CH. 5, 6 (counts as one test)
T	4/22	review, TEST CH. 1, 2	T	5/20	7.6 – 7.8, 8.1 – 8.2
Th	4/24	3.1 – 3.5, 3.7	Th	5/22	8.3 – 8.7, TEST CH. 7
T	4/29	3.6, 4.1 – 4.3	T	5/27	8.8 – 8.9, 9.1 – 9.3
Th	5/1	4.4, Chapter 5	Th	5/29	9.4 – 9.7, 10.1, review
T	5/6	Review, TEST CH. 3-4	T	6/3	Review, catch-up
Th	5/8	Chapter 6	Th	6/5	Test CH. 8, 9, 10.1

Attendance Policy: *Class attendance is not a measure of performance or proficiency. Whether a student is just physically present in the class is not a valid basis for grading. Reference Title 5 Section 55002 of the California Code of Regulations: (A) Grading Policy. The course provides for measurement of student performance in terms of stated course objectives and culminates in a formal, permanently recorded grade based upon uniform standards in accordance with section 55758 of this Division. The grade is based on demonstrated proficiency in the subject matter and the ability to demonstrate that proficiency, at least in part, by means of written expression that may include essays, or, in courses where the curriculum committee deems them to be appropriate, by problem solving exercises or skills demonstrations by students.*