

BASIC ALGEBRA (Part II)
Math 152B
Spring 2012 4 units

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<u>OFFICE HOUR:</u>	TBA at the end of week 2
<u>MEETING TIMES:</u>	Monday and Wednesday 3:30pm to 5:20pm
<u>MEETING PLACE:</u>	Room E106
<u>REQUIRED TEXT:</u>	Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, 4 th Ed, by Elayn Martin-Gay
<u>COURSE CODE:</u>	littell97127

Course Description: This course is a continuation of Math 152A. I will present factoring, rational expressions, first degree equations and inequalities with absolute value, solving systems of linear equations and inequalities, radicals, rational exponents and their equations, and solving quadratic equations. This course will connect math with the “real” world. It is my desire to reduce math anxiety and build self-confidence in every student by the end of this class.

Prerequisite: A grade of “C” or better in Math 152A or equivalent or appropriate skills demonstrated through the Math Assessment process.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: Students requiring accommodations for a certain disability that may affect class performance are requested to schedule with a staff member at the DRC to discuss this during the first week of the quarter so that appropriate arrangements can be made. They only test and accept new students into the program during the first two weeks of each quarter, so don’t put it off.

Students with disabilities must identify themselves to me within the first two weeks of class.

The **Math Success Center** (within A201) has free tutoring for all registered students. Please Log In and Out so that the facility gets the funds it needs to continue this free service.

Attendance and Etiquette: As a college student, you have voluntarily signed up for approximately 16 hours of Math a week this quarter. It is therefore important to remind you that missing four classes (the equivalent of two weeks of the regular quarter) will result in being dropped for non-attendance. Our time in class is a time of learning and is to be respected as such; therefore, disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. A two-class expulsion will be applied for any disruptive behavior.

As a Courtesy to everyone in class, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

How to succeed in a Math class:

1. Come to **every** class meeting.
2. Arrive early, be prepared, and **take notes**.
3. **Ask questions**, especially if you don't understand a concept.
4. Do **more than just** the homework problems.
5. Take advantage of the free **tutoring service in the MSC**.
6. Study in groups and do your homework with a classmate.
7. Start preparing for exams at least one **week** in advance.
8. Do some math **every** day.

Dropping: In this class, it is your responsibility to drop the class in order to avoid an unwanted grade. For this, you must go to Admissions & Records.

Drop Dates are listed on the back of the printed schedule.

Student Outcomes

The successful student will:

1. Exhibit a proficiency in the topics covered in the course;
2. Engage in logical and critical thinking;
3. Read technical and graphical information; and
4. Demonstrate the solution to problems by translating written language into mathematical statements, interpreting information, sketching relevant diagrams, analyzing given information, formulating appropriate math statements, and checking and verifying results.

Grading: Your class letter grade will be based on the usual grading scale:

A: 90% & above, **B:** 80-89%, **C:** 70-79%, **D:** 60-69%
F: 59% and under

The following items will make up the course grade:

Online Homework Assignments	150 points
Online Quizzes	150 points
Three Exams	450 points
Cumulative Final Exam (Jun 18):	250 points

Total Class points: ***1000 points***

Methods of Evaluation:

Homework is all done online and is due by the time and date posted on the web-basically the next class because you need it for the lecture. The computer has a right answer only but missed problems can be eliminated by working a ‘similar problem’. After the due date, the assignments will be available for score improvement only until midnight the night before the final.

Online Quizzes are weekly quizzes due by midnight Sunday night. There are no make-up quizzes or extensions. Just like the homework, quizzes and their due dates are found online either under the ‘take a test’ link or through the ‘show all’ link on your homework page.

Exams will happen in the first hour and you will have 50 minutes (up to one hour if you use your break). Lecture will begin at 2:00p. The exams will cover the sections from the previous weeks between tests. Your score will be out of 150 possible points. Exams may be taken early without penalty as long as you officially notify me at least one week in advance of the date you need to take the exam in writing or by email. **Tests may NOT be taken late without a valid excuse, will receive a 10% deduction in score per school-day late, and must be arranged through email.**

The Final Exam is given according to the posted finals schedule in the schedule of classes for this quarter. It will include all of the ideas, and sections covered in this course. (**June 18rd**: 250 points)

<u>TENTATIVE SCHEDULE</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Apr. 2		Introductions, Syllabus
	6.1	GCF and Grouping
	6.2	Factoring when $a = 1$
Apr. 4	6.3	Special Products
	6.4	Factoring $Ax^2 + Bx + C$, $a \neq 1$
Apr. 9	6.5	Factoring Binomials
	6.6	Factoring Quadratics
Apr. 11	6.7	Solving Quadratic Equations and Problems
Apr. 16	7.1	Rational Functions and Simplifying
	7.2	Multiply and Divide Rational Expressions
Apr. 18	7.3	Addition & Subtraction of Rational Expressions
	7.4	...with unlike denominators
Apr. 23		Exam One (6.1-7.4)
	7.5	Solving Equations with Rational Expressions
Apr.25	7.6	Applications of Ratios & Proportions
	7.7	Complex Fractions

Apr. 30	8.4	Variation
	4.1	Systems by Graphing
May 1	4.2	Systems by Substitution
	4.3	Systems by Addition
May 7	9.2	Absolute Value Equations
	9.3	Absolute Value Inequalities
May 9		Exam Two
	10.1	Radicals
May 14	10.2	Rational Exponents
May 16	10.3	Simplifying Radicals
May 21	10.4	+, -, * Radicals
May 23	10.5	Rationalizing
	10.6	Radical Equations
May 28		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
May 30	10.7	Complex Numbers
Jun. 4	11.1	Completing the Square
Jun. 6	11.2	Quadratic Formula
Jun. 11		Exam Three
Jun. 13		Review for Final
Jun. 18		FINAL EXAM--Comprehensive