Math 095 Elementary Algebra
Section 1011
Piñon 205/206
T-TH 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

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Prerequisites: MATH 093 or equivalent or consent of the instructor.

Course Description: This is a first course in algebra. Topics include operations with signed numbers; algebraic symbols; evaluating formulas; operations with polynomial, radical and rational expressions; solving equations and application problems using algebra; and elementary graphing. This course provides a foundation for the math used in business, science, engineering, and related fields.

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course, successful students should be able to do the following:

- Work with signed numbers.
- Read, write and simplify algebraic expressions.
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide polynomial, radical and rational expressions.
- Solve linear equations.
- Solve quadratic equations by factoring.
- Graph linear functions.
- Solve applied problems.

Course Credits: 3

Transferability in Nevada: This course is a developmental course that does not apply toward a WNC degree or honors designation and normally does not transfer to a university. Please see a counselor for more information.

Linkage to College Mission: Provide instruction that contributes to a student’s abilities to think critically and solve problems; to reason mathematically and apply computational skills.


Required Supplies: Text, paper, pencil or pen.
Grading Scale:  
A  90 – 100%  
B  80 – 89%  
C  70 – 79%  
D  60 – 69%  
F  below 60%

Grade Breakdown:
Exams:  4 Exams @ 100 points each =  400 points  
Quizzes: 10 quizzes @ 10 points each =  100 points  
Homework: 41 assignments @ 2-3 pts each = 100 points  
Total 600 points

Exams: There will be four exams, currently scheduled for February 18, March 6, April 1, and December 10, though day change may be necessary. There will be NO MAKEUP for missed exams, therefore you will need to guarantee your presence at an exam or make arrangements to take the exam at an earlier date if you will not be present in class for the exam.

Quizzes: There will be 11 quizzes. The top 10 quizzes will be counted for the grade. Each quiz is worth 10 points toward the grade. If a quiz is missed, it will receive a score of 0.

Homework: I expect that before coming to class you have read the section(s) that we will discuss that day. Homework is due each day at the beginning of class. Each homework assignment is worth 2-3 points and there will be 41 assignments. You may complete homework on paper or online. I will not accept any late homework. The course ID for doing homework in MyMathLab is: downs27833.

Attendance: You are expected to attend class. If a class is missed, it is the responsibility of the student to check what was missed. Any departure from the attendance policy must be pre-approved by January 27, 2014.

Ethics Statement: No cheating of any kind will be tolerated. Any student caught cheating, attempting to cheat or assisting in the cheating of another student will be expelled from the class with a failing grade.

Early Alert: Please note that in an effort to help students successfully complete their courses, the Counseling office on campus will ask faculty for names of students they feel may be in need of additional assistance. A counselor may contact you to offer some ideas.

Note: Please turn off cell phones or set them to silent. Please come to class to learn and not to text.

Grade Appeals can be made to Scott Morrison at: Scott.Morrison@wnc.edu
Disability Statement: If you have a disability for which you will need to request accommodations, please contact Susan Trist, Coordinator for Disability Support Services at 775-445-3268 or susan.trist@wnc.edu as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

Important Dates:
January 21: Classes begin.
January 27: Last day to receive a 100% refund. Classes dropped from this date forward will receive a W.
February 3: Last day to pay for classes with a late fee. Late registration ends.
February 17: President’s Day - college closed
March 14: Last day to change credit to audit or audit to credit.
March 17 - 21: Spring Break, no classes
March 28: Last day to drop full-term classes with a “W”
May 12: Final Exams Begin
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