

**Math 212 Elementary Algebra**  
MTWThF 8:30 am – 9:20 pm

Fall 2015  
Room E32

OFFICE HOURS: M - F: 9:35 am – 10:05 am in E37

MATH BOOT CAMP HOURS: M, T, W: 10:05 am – 10:20 am in E37 or by appointment.

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PREREQUISITE: A passing grade in Math 210 or equivalent or placement in this class via test.

TEXTBOOK: Intermediate Algebra, Blitzer, 5<sup>th</sup> edition

MATERIALS: You are required to have a basic scientific calculator, graph paper, a 3 ring binder, binder paper, pencils and a ruler for this class.

ATTENDANCE: Classes begin promptly. Attendance will be taken for each class. Attendance is mandatory and you are expected to be on time and to attend all classes unless you are ill or have a real emergency. **YOU ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE 2 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AFTER WHICH YOU MAY BE DROPPED FROM THE CLASS. PLEASE NOTE THAT 3 UNEXCUSED TARDIES EQUALS ONE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.** Whether you are dropped or not after exceeding 2 unexcused absences depends on your grade. Students with poor attendance and low grades will be dropped from the class very quickly. If you think your absence or tardy should be excused please tell me, otherwise I shall assume that it is unexcused. If you have 16 total absences (excused or unexcused) and it is before the W drop deadline you will automatically be dropped from the class.

ADDING: The last day I add will be Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup>. I will start adding the second day. I will keep a waitlist for every day. Students will be moved to the bottom of the waitlist if they are late, do not attend class for any reason (this includes day one) or miss assignments

DROPPING: Please note that students are responsible for dropping themselves. Not dropping promptly may mean a no grade turns into a W or a W turns into an F. If you do not turn up for the final and you have not dropped you will get an F in the class.

TECHNOLOGY: It is my belief that technology can provide useful tools. However, I have found that students overuse it or use it inappropriately. For this reason the following are banned from class: cell phones, laptops, ipads, ipods and graphing calculators. These devices are not to be used in class at any time. I may ban any other electronic device if I consider it a distraction to the learning environment. It is OK to keep these electronic devices in your backpack.

- CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT:** I like my classes to be lively and energetic. I also like students to participate. Sometimes students think this means they have permission to chat to their neighbors while I am lecturing. You do not have permission to talk to your neighbor during lecture time for ANY reason including talking about mathematics. If you cannot live with this rule then do not be in this class. If you have a question about math during lecture time then either ask it in class right then or write down your question and get it resolved for yourself later. Please note that I rarely go over homework questions in class.  
Also note that I very rarely go past the scheduled ending time for class. Sometimes students like to put away their stuff before I have finished lecturing. Please do not do this. It is very distracting to myself and other students.
- HOMEWORK:** Homework will be collected once a week usually on Wednesday. As there are at least two days to do the homework I expect high quality homework.  
This homework will be graded as follows: 2 questions will be selected at random and graded for accuracy, each question being worth a maximum of 2 points. Also 2 points will be given for completeness. Questions with the correct answers but insufficient work may be given 0 points. 2 of the points of the homework are extra credit.  
There are 11 homeworks but only the best 9 will count towards your grade.  
Late homework will not be accepted under any circumstances. It is OK to turn it in early.
- CLASSWORK:** During sessions there will sometimes be classwork. You are encouraged to consult with other students on the classwork and you can ask me questions as well. The classwork is usually collected but not always. It is worth 6 points when collected. Late classwork will not be accepted for any reason.
- QUIZZES:** There will be 7 quizzes given. Each quiz is worth 40 points. Only the best 5 quizzes will count towards your grade.
- MIDTERMS:** There will be three midterms. Each midterm is worth a maximum of 200 points. You may bring into each midterm notes on both sides of a 6in x 4in note card. Please note that a photo ID will be required for the first midterm only.  
It is very important that you take the midterms. Missing a midterm for any reason will mean that you will score the same on the midterm as you do on the final as a percentage. If you do better on the final than you do on either of the midterms then the percent score for the final will replace the percent score for your lowest midterm. During midterms and the final I will not allow friends to sit close to each other.
- RETAKES AND MAKE-UPS:** There are NO retakes or make-ups of midterms of quizzes, under ANY circumstances, EVER!! If you are ill and miss the final then you must show documentation that you were ill and then you will be issued with an incomplete for the class. The final then has to be made up within one year. Besides illness the only acceptable reason for missing the final is a REAL emergency. By a real emergency I mean an unforeseen event that could not have been avoided. Examples include a funeral being scheduled at the same time as the final. Please note that difficult life circumstances do not constitute an emergency.

**REVIEWS:** If time allows there will be a review for a midterm. This will involve test taking tips as well as a mathematics review. Just because a question is being reviewed does not mean it will be on the test. It is possible but highly unlikely that all questions reviewed on the review will not be on the test.

**FINAL EXAM:** There will be a comprehensive final given on the last day of instruction. You cannot take the final early under ANY circumstances. Do not ask. The final is worth a maximum of 600 points. **YOU MUST ATTEND THE FINAL.** If you know that you cannot attend the final due to a prior commitment then you should not take this class. Missing the final without a valid reason (see the section – Retakes and Make-ups) will result in an F in the class. You may bring into the final, notes on both sides of two 6in x 4in note cards or one side of an 8.5 inch by 11 inch sheet of binder paper. The final will be given on the last day of instruction, Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am – 9:00 am.. It is imperative that you be on time for the final.

**COURSE GRADE:** There will be 11 homeworks, 7 quizzes, three midterms, and a comprehensive Final Exam.  
Points are assigned as follows:

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Best 9 homeworks       | 54 + 18 pts extra credit |
| Best 5 quizzes         | 200 pts                  |
| Classwork              | 100 pts approx           |
| Three Midterms         | 600 pts                  |
| Final Exam             | 600 pts                  |
| Total points – maximum | 1554 pts approx          |

Letter grades are assigned as follows:

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| 90.0% and over | A  |
| 88.0% to 89.9% | A- |
| 86.0% to 87.9% | B+ |
| 82.0% to 85.9% | B  |
| 80.0% to 81.9% | B- |
| 78.0% to 79.9% | C+ |
| 70.0% to 77.9% | C  |
| 68.0% to 69.9% | D+ |
| 55.0% to 67.9% | D  |
| 0% to 54.9%    | F  |

**ASKING FOR HELP DURING TESTS:**

It is my policy not to give you help during a test of any kind. A test is designed to discover what you know without help. Giving one student individual help during a test would be unfair to other students. The only 2 valid questions to ask the instructor during a test is “This question seems unclear to me. Could you please check it?” and “This question seems to be impossible. Could you please check it?” Students for whom English is not their primary language should know that I will not help in any way on tests to explain what words, sentences or any piece of text means. Please note that all students can bring a non-electronic dictionary to a test. If a student has a question during a test my response will be either “I am sorry but I cannot help you,” OR “the question is clear,” OR in the case that there is something wrong with the test I will write on the board what needs to be changed on the test.

## ACADEMIC

**DISHONESTY:** Looking at someone else's exam, helping another student during an exam, talking to anyone except the lecturer during an exam or using an external source of information for which you were not explicitly given permission may result in my dropping you or an F grade in the course. Sharing materials, such as pencils, erasers, calculators etc. during a test or quiz is **NEVER ALLOWED** and may be considered as academic dishonesty.

**DISABLED STUDENTS:** Students who are disabled and qualify for special help by law should take advantage of what is entitled to them. Please see me or tell me **EARLY** in the class if you are one of these students so that I can do everything in my power to give you the assistance you deserve. In getting your initial accommodations for your disability please think carefully about what you need. Requests for accommodations or requests for changes to your accommodations in the middle or near the end of a quarter will not get an enthusiastic reception from me.

**MATH BOOT CAMP:** One of my responsibilities as a teacher is to inform you if I think you have a very good chance of not passing. When students get in this position then for 6 out of 10 students coming to math boot camp will get you through the class. In Math Boot Camp we learn study skills. Not coming to math boot camp will, for 19 out of 20 students result in failure. This is not an opinion. This is based on my experience.

**COURSE GRADES:** Grades for the course can only be changed in the event of a clerical error. It is not legal for me to change the grade for any other reason. If you require your grade quickly after the final please send me an email within 3 days of the final and I will give you your grade on the final within 5 days of the final. If you send me an email more than 3 days after the final I will get you your grade within 48 hours.

## TEACHER ABSENCE:

Please note that if and when I am absent the general policy is not to provide a substitute teacher to cover for the class unless the absence is over one day. Usually, but this does not always happen, a note is posted on the door of the room informing students that class is cancelled for that day. In the event of this happening it is the student's responsibility to study the material that was scheduled for that day. It is also recommended that you study the material for future classes in advance – if 2 classes are missed study that material plus the next two classes, and so on. This is because when I return from the absence I will cover the material that was missed and the current material much quicker as I will have to catch up. If I am absent for an extended period of time a substitute will be provided. Please check your email just before coming to class. If I am going to be absent an email will be sent to you.

## CONTRACT:

One purpose of this greensheet is to provide you with the guiding principles of the class and another is to make sure that you have answers to any questions that might arise. Please put this sheet in a safe place where you can easily refer to it. Make sure you read all of it before you ask me any questions about the course. It is also a contract between you, the student, and myself, the instructor of record. Make sure you understand its contents fully especially the parts that pertain to testing and the computation of your grade because so long as you remain enrolled in the course you are, like everyone else, implicitly agreeing to abide by these terms.

SCHEDULE FOR MATH 212 8:30 am

**KEY:**

\* INDICATES THAT A QUIZ OR TEST IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS DAY.

\*\* MEANS DROP OR WITHDRAW DEADLINES

**DAY CLASS HOMEWORK**

***Week 1 of class***

|          |             |   |
|----------|-------------|---|
| 1.(9/21) | Green Sheet |   |
| 2.       | 1.1         | <b>1.1</b> (3, 7, 10, 14, 19, 27, 29, 34, 39, 47, 55, 68, 71, 83, 89, 97)                                   |
| 3.       | 1.2         |   |
| 4.       | 1.2, 1.3    | <b>1.2</b> (7, 11, 17, 22, 32, 40, 52, 66, 78, 80, 94, 100, 108, 113,<br>123,<br><br><i>129, 134, 146</i> ) |
| 5.       | 1.3         | <b>1.3</b> (3, 8, 15, 25, 33, 41, 51, 59)   |

***Week 2 of class***

|          |                                    |   |
|----------|------------------------------------|---|
| 6.(9/28) | 1.4                                |   |
| 7.       | 1.4                                | <b>1.4</b> (1, 6, 10, 16, 22, 26, 32, 36, 42, 48, 57, 62, 72) |
| 8.       | 1.5<br><b>Hwk 1 Due: 1.1 – 1.3</b> |   |
| 9.       | 1.5                                |   |

10.\*            1.5, 1.6                                    **1.5** (1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 20, 26, 30, 42, 49, 55 ,61, 67, 74)  
**Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.3)**

**\*\*SATURDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> LAST DAY TO ADD A CLASS**

**\*\*SUNDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> LAST DAY TO DROP WITHOUT ANY GRADE AND A FULL REFUND**

***Week 3 of class***

11.(10/5)      1.6                                    **1.6** (5, 12, 18, 24, 28, 32, 38, 46, 54, 62, 68, 76, 82, 86, 92, 102, 111, 120, 129, 136)

12.            2.1

13.            2.1                                    **2.1** (3, 9, 10, 13, 15, 21, 28, 31)  
**Hwk 2 Due: 1.4, 1.5**

14            2.2

15 \*           2.2, 2.3                                **2.2** (1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 17, 21, 28, 32, 38, 46, 53, 62)  
**Quiz 2 (1.4, 1.5)**

***Week 4 of class***

16.(10/12)    2.3                                    **2.3** (3, 7, 12, 19, 25, 31, 37, 42, 48, 58)

17.            2.4

18.            2.4                                    **2.4** (3, 7, 12, 13, 17, 20, 28, 30, 35, 39, 47, 55, 62, 71, 78)  
**Hwk 3 Due: 1.6, 2.1, 2.2**

19.            2.5

20.\*           **MIDTERM 1 (Chapter 1)**

**\*\*FRIDAY OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - LAST DAY TO REQUEST PASS/NO PASS GRADE**

### ***Week 5 of class***

|            |  |  |
|------------|--|--|
| 21.(10/19) | 2.5                                    | <b>2.5</b> (2, 11, 18, 23, 30,37, 48, 51, 62, 71)                |
| 22.        | 3.1                                    |  |
| 23.        | 3.1, 3.2<br><b>Hwk 4 Due: 2.3, 2.4</b> | <b>3.1</b> (1, 3, 8, 13, 17, 21, 25, 34, 42, 52, 64, 71, 82, 89) |
| 24.        | 3.2                                    |  |
| 25.*       | 3.2<br><b>Quiz 3 (2.1 - 2.4)</b>       | <b>3.2</b> (1, 3, 6, 10, 14, 21, 25, 33, 38, 42, 49)             |

### ***Week 6 of class***

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| 26.(10/26) | 3.3                                       |   |
| 27.        | 3.3, 4.1                                  | <b>3.3</b> (1, 3, 9, 13, 20, 28, 36, 45)                      |
| 28.        | 4.1<br><b>Hwk 5 Due: 2.5, 3.1, 3.2</b>    | <b>4.1</b> (1, 4, 11, 16, 19, 27, 32, 37, 41, 48, 59, 66, 75) |
| 29.        | 5.1                                       |   |
| 30.*       | 5.1, 5.2<br><b>Quiz 4 (2.5, 3.1, 3.2)</b> | <b>5.1</b> (1, 5, 11, 15, 19, 23, 31, 37, 43, 50, 61, 72)     |

### ***Week 7 of class***

|            |          |  |
|------------|----------|--|
| 31. (11/2) | 5.2      | <b>5.2</b> (1, 5, 8, 14, 19, 22, 26, 34, 40, 48, 55, 67, 79, 84, 92, 103, 116) |
| 32.        | 5.3      | <b>5.3</b> (1, 4, 9, 13, 19, 23, 27, 33, 37, 44, 49, 60, 68)                   |
| 33.        | 5.3, 5.4 |  |

**Hwk 6 Due: 3.3, 4.1, 5.1**

34. 5.4 **5.4** (1, 8, 11, 13, 16, 28, 33, 44, 53, 63, 70, 77, 86)

35.\* **MIDTERM II**  
**(Chapters 2 and 3)**

***Week 8 of class***

36. (11/9) Veteran's Day

37. 5.5

38. 5.5 **5.5** (1, 6, 9, 13, 16, 18, 21, 25, 30, 37, 39, 46, 51, 57, 63, 71, 79, 91)  
**Hwk 7 Due: 5.2 – 5.4**

39. 5.6

40.\* 5.6, 5.7 **5.6** (1, 8, 11, 13, 18, 25, 27, 30, 35, 40, 45, 53, 65)  
**Quiz 5 (4.1, 5.1 – 5.3)**

***\*\*FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> LAST DAY TO DROP WITH A W GRADE***

***Week 9 of class***

41.(11/16) 5.7 **5.7** (1, 8, 14, 19, 21, 26, 30, 35, 37, 41, 49)

42. 7.1

43. 7.1 **7.1** (3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 35, 41, 51, 56, 61, 66, 73, 80, 85)  
**Hwk 8 Due: 5.5, 5.6**

44. 7.3, 7.7 **7.3** (21, 22, 23, 24), **7.7** (1, 5, 8, 12, 15)

45.\* 8.1  
**Quiz 6 (5.4 - 5.6)**



### ***Week 10 of class***

- 46.(11/23) 8.1 **8.1** (3, 8, 10, 15, 22, 35, 40, 43, 48, 53, 61)
47. 8.2
- 48.\* **MIDTERM III (Chapters 4 and 5)**  
**Hwk 9 Due: 5.7, 7.1, 7.3, 7.7**
49. Thanksgiving Holiday No Class
50. Thanksgiving Holiday No Class

### ***Week 11 of class***

- 51.(11/30) 8.2 **8.2** (3, 7, 9, 12, 15, 17, 21, 24, 32, 36, 41, 48)
52. 8.3
53. 8.3 **8.3** (3, 8, 11, 13, 17, 25, 28, 31, 38)  
**Hwk 10 Due: 8.1**
54. Review for Final
- 55.\* Review for Final  
**Quiz 7 (7.1, 7.3, 7.7, 8.1)**

### ***Week 12 of class***

- 56.(12/7) Review for Final
- 57.(12/8)\* **FINAL (All sections covered above but there will be more emphasis on the sections from 7.1 on than on the previous sections) – 7:00 am to 9:00 am in regular room**  
**Hwk 11 Due: 8.2, 8.3**