
MA 090 (4 cr.) – Winter 2007
BEGINNING ALGEBRA

M, T, W, Th, and Fri
9:00 – 10:00
Room ???

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Course Description:

The fundamental operations of algebra are covered with a problem solving emphasis. The course includes graphing, linear equations, exponents and introductory probability and statistics.

Required Materials to be provided by the Student:

- Jamesen, J., & Hetler, G. (2000). *Beginning Algebra: Once and For All*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- Scientific Calculator
- Pencil and Paper

Student Information:

- Math Lab WS 3810 (227-1612)
- All-Campus Tutoring LRC 111H & HDG 3302 (227-2618)

Required Behavior/Attitudes:

Successful completion of this course requires exhibiting the following at all times:

- Attendance at all class sessions. See attached schedule for the tentative list of course meeting dates. *Note: the instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule.* It might be best to plan to commit each day from 9 to 10 for working on algebra, whether we have class that day or not.

- Come to class prepared and on time. This means your homework should be done at the start of class. Frequently, quizzes will contain questions taken from your homework.

Assessment:

- Quizzes will be given frequently and will be worth 10-30 points. Some quizzes will be announced, others will not. No make-up quizzes will be given. Students with 3 or fewer absences will be able to drop their lowest quiz score.
- There will be six (6) tests in the course, each worth between 50 and 100 points. Make-up tests will not be given for absences unless the student discusses his/her situation with me before the scheduled test date. Grades on tests and quizzes are not “curved.”
- There will be a final exam worth 200 points.

Grading Scale:

100-93 = A	69-68 = D+
92-90 = A-	67-63 = D
89-88 = B+	62-60 = D-
87-83 = B	59-0 = F
82-80 = B-	
79-78 = C+	
77-73 = C	
72-70 = C-	

*** A grade of a least a C- is required to registration in MA 100**

Disability Services:

If you have a need for disability-related accommodations or services, please inform the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Disability Services Office by: coming into the office at 2001 C. B. Hedgcock; calling 227-1700; or e-mailing disserv@nmu.edu.

Reasonable and effective accommodations and services will be provided to Candidates if requests are made in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation, in accordance with federal, state, and University guidelines.

The instructor reserves the right to alter the syllabus at any point.

Schedule:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
One: (1/15-1/19)	Intro	Section 1.1	Section 1.1	Section 1.2	NO CLASS
Two: (1/22-1/26)	Section 1.2	Section 1.3	Section 1.4	Section 1.5	Section 1.5
Three: (1/29-2/2)	Section 1.5	Review	Test	Section 2.1	Section 2.1
Four: (2/5-2/9)	Section 2.2	Section 2.3	Section 2.4	Review	Test
Five: (2/12-2/16)	Section 3.1	Section 3.1	Section 3.2	Section 3.2	NO CLASS
Six: (2/19-2/23)	Section 3.3	Section 3.3	Review	Test	Section 4.1
Seven: (2/26-3/2)	There will be no class on either Mon or Wed of this week - TBA	TBA	TBA	Section 4.1	Section 4.2
Eight: (3/5-3/9)	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
Nine: (3/12-3/16)	Section 4.2	Section 4.3	Section 4.4	Section 4.4	NO CLASS
Ten: (3/19-3/23)	Review	Test	Section 5.1	Section 5.1	Section 5.2
Eleven: (3/26-3/30)	Section 5.2	Section 5.3	Section 5.4	Section 5.5	Section 5.5
Twelve: (4/2-4/6)	Review	Test	Section 6.1	Section 6.1	Section 6.2
Thirteen: (4/9-4/13)	TBA (there will be class 2-3 days this week)	Two class sessions will include Sections 6.2 & 6.3			
Fourteen: (4/16-4/20)	Section 6.3	Section 6.3	Section 6.4	Section 6.4	NO CLASS
Fifteen: (4/23-4/27)	Review	Test	Section 7.1	Section 7.2	Review
Sixteen: (4/30-5/4)	Final Exam				