Math 210 Course Syllabus
De Anza College
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Course: Pre-Algebra; Math 210.MP1

Meets: M-F 9:30-11:20 am in E32

Course Description: The goal of this class is to think logically like a mathematician by organizing information, looking for patterns, and making decisions. You will master basic skills and solve problems dealing with the real number system, basic algebraic equations, linear equations, graphs, and the concept of a function.

Student Learning Outcomes:

(1) Demonstrate and apply a systematic and logical approach to solving arithmetic and geometric problems.
(2) Demonstrate and apply the knowledge and skills required to select the correct introductory formulas, procedures, and concepts from algebra and geometry and use them to solve problems.

Required Materials: Textbook, scientific calculator, pencil, eraser, stapler, and ruler. Bring these items to class daily.

Text: *Prealgebra Textbook*, 2nd edition, by College of the Redwoods. The text is available at the campus bookstore.

Attendance and Tardy Policy: Attendance will be taken every day. You may be dropped from the class if you miss any classes during the first 2 weeks and you may be dropped from the MPS program if you are absent 5 or more times during the quarter. Any student who is more than 5 minutes late will be marked as tardy, a tardy counts as half an absence.

Student Conduct: Cheating is forbidden. There shall be no talking to, or unauthorized helping of other students during any exam or quiz. You may not share calculators during exams or quizzes. All electronic devices other

than a calculator must be put away during quizzes and exams. An exam or course grade of F may be given for any of the above infractions.

Classroom Behavior: Turn off and put away cell phones and other devices during class. Cell phones must be off desks and in your bag during class time. Please do not take calls or text message during class. Do not talk while I or fellow classmates are talking. Students not following these policies or are disrupting class may be asked to leave which will then count as an absence for the day.

Standards of Work:

- All work must be done in pencil. Work in pen will not be graded and will receive a "0" grade.
- When needed, correct answers must be supported by correct work in order to receive credit. Even if your final answer is correct, you may lose credit if the instructor cannot read or understand your work, or if necessary steps are missing.

Students with Disabilites: If you feel that you may need accommodations due to a disability, you should contact me privately to speak about your needs. Also, please contact Disability Support Services (864-8753) for more information about eligibility, services, and accommodations.

Grading:

Exams	300 Points
Homework	70 Points
Quizzes	80 Points
Activites	$50 - 75$ Points
Final	120 Points
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Total	**620-645 Points**

Grade Breakdown:

A+: 97-100%	B+:87-88%	C+: 77-78%	D: 62-66%
A: 92-96%	B: 82-86%	C: 69-76%	D-: 60-61%
A-: 89-91%	B-: 79-81%	D+: 67-68%	F: $< 60\%$

Exams: There will be 3 in class exams. Each exam is worth 100 points. They will be closed book and closed notes. No make-ups will be allowed. In the case of a documented emergency, I will replace a missing exam score

with the corresponding portion of your final grade.

Homework: Homework assignments will be submitted for each chapter that we cover and will be due during the first 5 minutes of class time. There will be a total of 8 homework assignments, with each assignment worth 10 points. Every student, only once during the quarter, may turn in their homework by the beginning of the next class (first 5 minutes). Other than that, no late homework will be accepted for any reason. At the end of the quarter, your lowest homework score will be dropped.

Quizzes: We will have 5 quizzes during the quarter that will be based on problems from worksheets and homework. Each quiz is worth 20 points. No make-ups will be allowed. At the end of the quarter your lowest quiz score will be dropped. If you know that you will be absent, see me about taking the quiz earlier than scheduled.

Activities: We will have daily in class worksheets throughout the quarter which will count towards your activity score. These assignments will be turned in by the end of the class session. No make-ups will be allowed, so it is important that you come to class regularly.

Final Exam: The final exam will be comprehensive and will be given on *Wednesday December* 9th from 9:15 -11:15 am.

Important Dates:
- The last day to add classes is Saturday, October 3rd.
- The last day to drop for a full refund is Sunday, October 4th.
- The last day to drop classes with no record of a grade is Sunday, October 4th.
- The last day to drop with a "W" is Friday, November 13th.

Getting Help: I am happy to answer questions and help with material you are having difficulty with during office hours. The math tutorial center in S43 also offers free individual and drop-in tutoring throughout the quarter.

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	21-Sep Introductions Ch 1	22-Sep Ch 1	23-Sep Ch 1	24-Sep Ch 1	25-Sep Ch 1
2	28-Sep Ch 2 Quiz 1 HW 1 due	29-Sep Ch 2	30-Sep Ch 2	1-Oct Ch 2	2-Oct Ch 2
3	5-Oct Ch 3 Quiz 2 HW 2 due	6-Oct Ch 3	7-Oct Ch 3	8-Oct Ch 3	9-Oct Ch 3
4	12-Oct Exam Review	13-Oct **EXAM 1(Ch 1-3)** HW 3 due	14-Oct Ch 4	15-Oct Ch 4	16-Oct Ch 4
5	19-Oct Ch 4	20-Oct Ch 4	21-Oct Ch 4	22-Oct Ch 4	23-Oct Ch 4
6	26-Oct Ch 5 Quiz 3 HW 4 due	27-Oct Ch 5	28-Oct Ch 5	29-Oct Ch 5	30-Oct Ch 5
7	2-Nov Ch 5	3-Nov Ch 5	4-Nov Ch 5	5-Nov Exam Review	6-Nov **EXAM 2(Ch 4,5)** HW 5 due
8	9-Nov **Veteran's Day** **No Class**	10-Nov Ch 6	11-Nov Ch 6	12-Nov Ch 6	13-Nov Ch 6
9	16-Nov Ch 7 Quiz 4 HW 6 due	17-Nov Ch 7	18-Nov Ch 7	19-Nov Ch 7	20-Nov Ch 7
10	23-Nov Ch 8 Quiz 5 HW 7 due	24-Nov Ch 8	25-Nov Ch 8	26-Nov **Thanksgiving** **No**	27-Nov **Holiday** **Classes**
11	30-Nov Exam Review	1-Dec **EXAM 3(Ch 6-8)** HW 8 due	2-Dec Functions	3-Dec Functions	4-Dec Functions Final Review
12	7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec **FINAL EXAM** **9:15-11:15am**	10-Dec	11-Dec