

MATH 212.14 – Winter 2015
BEGINNING ALGEBRA
CRN 31921, Classroom E32
MTWThF 12:30 – 1:20 PM

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- Office Hours:** Part-time office E37: Tuesday, Thursday 1:20 AM to 2 PM
- Prerequisite:** Qualifying score on the Math Placement Test within last calendar year; or Math 210 or equivalent with a grade of C or better.
- Required Text:** Intermediate Algebra for college students (5th edition) by Robert Blitzer, Pearson Prentice Hall.
[Student Access Code to MyMathLab is required]
Course Name: Math 212, Section 14
Course Access Code: arabhi69552
- Course Objectives:** (This is not an exhaustive list.)
Introduction to Problem Solving, Functions, Linear Equations, Inequalities, Polynomials, Systems of Linear Equations, Quadratic Equations. (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 from the text book)

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Evaluate real-world situations and distinguish between and apply linear and quadratic function models appropriately.
- Analyze, interpret, and communicate results of linear and quadratic models in a logical manner from four points of view - visual, formula, numerical, and written.
- Demonstrate an appreciation and awareness of applications in their daily lives.

Homework (online and written):

- Reading assignments & problems from the text will be assigned in every class and it is your responsibility to solve the problems and keep a written record. We will discuss solutions to some problems, but not all.
- Written and online Homework will be due when I finish a chapter. You are encouraged to work in groups, but do not copy each other's work.
- Each written homework assignment will be worth 5 points and online will be 6.25% of the total points earned. NOTE that in the written homework, answers must have supporting work to receive credit! (Answers alone will receive a 0 score.)
- **I will not accept homework on paper torn from spiral notebooks. Also, staple or use paper clips to hold your work together. Please do not fold the corners. LATE OR ILLEGIBLE HOMEWORKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

- Quizzes:** There will be a quiz every Friday at the end of class (10 minutes) related to the material taught the previous Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Do your reading and homework everyday, to fair well in these quizzes. ***Don't miss any of these since there will be NO MAKE-UP quizzes.*** I will drop some lowest quiz grades at the end of the semester, so if you are absent during a quiz, the absent quiz could be your dropped quiz.

Special Quizzes / (Tutorial)/ Extra credit : 5 points each

A set of questions will be given in class, and you will be allowed to work in groups. You have to turn in the solution at the end of the class. These quizzes are special because I will assist you in solving the problems. These quizzes will assess your understanding of the material taught in the class as well as encourage you to work in groups. These will also help you review for the exam next day. This will be closed book, so you should be prepared with the material.

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Exams: Exams are primarily based on homework, problems from quizzes, and solved problems in the textbook. So the best way to prepare for exams is to sincerely do all the homework, read the book, learn from your mistakes in the quizzes, and clear all your doubts as soon as you can. There will be three written exams (50 minutes) and a final exam (2 hours). It is your responsibility to let me know as soon as possible (within 24 hours) if you are going to miss an exam (via phone, e-mail, note, in-person, etc) and provide “valid” reason and documentation for the absence. **FINAL EXAM IS SCHEDULED FOR Wednesday, March 25th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in Room 32.** All mid-term exams and Final exam are mandatory, and if you cannot take any of the exams at the scheduled time and date, please do not enroll in this class. The final exam will be CUMULATIVE, i.e. it will contain everything covered during the course.

Pop quizzes/ Class Participation & Attendance: Attendance is strongly emphasized and class participation is actually part of your course grade. There will be pop/surprise quizzes at any time/any day. POP QUIZZES will be given at ANY TIME during class, so please be in class on time. Study every day and be ready with any questions you have. I always encourage class discussions. My classes always begin promptly, so I ask that you be on time. Please wear a watch and don't enter the classroom if you are late. [During the first week of class this policy is relaxed.] Students who attend regularly and show up on time to my classes are almost always successful. I may drop a student from the class if they are absent 4 or more times, or miss a major exam. (But do not assume if you stop coming to class, you will automatically be dropped. You are responsible for dropping yourself out of this class). I will also drop any student who, in my judgment, is habitually disrupting the class. Please switch off all noise making devices and wait to text until after the class ends. IF YOU MISS ANY CLASS, ASK YOUR CLASSMATES FOR THE MISSED WORK. PLEASE DO NOT ASK ME

Grading:

Class Participation/ Pop quiz	40 Points	M, T, W, Th, F
Quizzes (5 Points each)	50 Points	Every Friday
Written Homeworks (5 pts each)	35 Points	Due at the end of every chapter.
Online Homework	25 points	Due at the end of every chapter.
Exam 1	50 Points	TUESDAY, January 27 th
Exam 2	50 Points	TUESDAY, February 17 th
Exam 3	50 Points	TUESDAY, March 10 th
Extra Credit	20 to 40 pts	Special quizzes/ assignments/extra quizzes
Final Exam	100 Points	Wednesday, March 25th: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Room 32

Letter Grade: Course grades will be determined on a standard scale.

≥ 90%	→ A / A- / A+
80% - 89%	→ B / B- / B+
70% - 79%	→ C / C+
60% - 69%	→ D / D- / D+
≤ 59%	→ F.

NOTE:

- Last day to **drop class** with a full refund is **Sunday, January 18th**.
- Last day to **drop a class** with no record of grade is **Monday, January 19th**.
- The deadline for dropping with a “W” is **Friday, 27th February**. In every case, a student is responsible for dropping him/herself. You should not assume that you are automatically dropped from the class for non-attendance. Students on the final grade roster who have not dropped, and who do not show up for the final exam, automatically receive an F in the course.
- **Last day to add** is Saturday, January 17th. I will hand out add codes to students who want to add this course based on the class strength, attendance and/or quiz result(s).

- **Cheating** on any exam/quiz/assignment/tutorial may result in an F grade for the course. Cheating is absolutely prohibited in my class! Looking at someone else's exam, helping another student during an exam, talking to anyone except me during an exam, or using an external source of information for which you were not explicitly given permission, will result in an instructor drop or an F grade for the course. Cheating incidents will also be reported to the Dean of Students.
- **A Word about cell phones:** It is our expectation that your phone will be turned off and stowed in your purse or backpack during class. They should never be seen while class is in session. If your phone sounds during a quiz or exam, this will be an indication that you are done with the quiz or exam and you risk having your paper taken from you or points deducted. Please switch off your cell phones / beepers before entering the class out of courtesy to others. If you decide to take a call or text during class, I'll probably ask you to take the rest of the class off.
- **New College Policy:**

Students can not take the same class more than three times for a grade, including W.
Late adds and drops will not be processed.

Additional Assistance

- 1) **Your classmates:** Many students find informal study partnerships and groups to be most helpful in learning math. I recommend that you study with others in this class. The effort to meet someone in class is worthwhile.
- 2) **Me:** Please feel free to ask me questions during class time or fix appointments outside class timings. I'll give you as much direction and assistance as I can, and refer you to additional resources as needed. Do not wait until you are drowning to get help.
- 3) The Math, Science & Technology Resource Center (MSTRC) in S43 provides assistance M-Th: 830 AM to 630 PM and F:8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
- 4) Any student with a documentable disability who needs academic accommodations should contact:
 - a) Disability Support Services(DSS): Student Services Building (408) 864 8839
 - b) Educational Diagnostic Center (EDC): Learning Center West 110; (408) 864 8839
 - c) Special Education Division: 864 8407; WWW.deanza.edu/specialed

The key to being able to take advantage of any of these services is to be quick to recognize your need for assistance. It is always better to seek help sooner rather than later.

Contract

One purpose of this "green sheet" is to provide you with the guiding principles upon which the class runs, and another is to make sure that you have at your fingertips, answers to any questions, which might arise. Please put this sheet in a safe place where you can easily refer to it. **Make sure you read it in its entirety before you ask me any questions about the course.**