

COURSE INFORMATION Location: MTH 215
 Class Times: TR 9:30-10:45
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TEXT *Essentials of College Algebra* (Alternate edition),
 by Margaret Lial, John Hornsby and David Schneider,
 ISBN # 9780321500496

COURSE OVERVIEW In this course, we will cover such topics as the number system, equations and inequalities, functions and their graphs, systems of equations and matrices.

As a general education course, this course will satisfy the goal of the mathematical or quantitative reasoning component of general education: to develop the ability of students to understand and apply mathematical abstraction. As such, students will (1) solve problems using the principles of algebra or symbolic logic; (2) apply mathematical reasoning to analyze and interpret quantitative information; and (3) use and interpret mathematical formulas.

COURSE OUTLINE We will cover most, if not all, of the topics from chapters 1 through 5.

POLICIES You will not be able to make up a quiz or receive credit for any other assignment which you missed the deadline for unless you notify me ahead of time. Given prior notification of an absence, I will ensure that you can take the quiz or hand in your homework at a more convenient time.

Cheating will not be tolerated in any shape or form. If you are caught cheating, it will be reported to the appropriate academic offices, and appropriate action will be pursued and you will fail the course.

All cell phones, pagers, CD players, laptops, calculators and other such devices must be turned off and put away before class begins. It is also expected that everyone will behave in a kind and courteous manner towards fellow students and the instructor.

If you are caught using a cell phone or any other electronic device during class, your final grade will be dropped by one letter grade per incident.

I reserve the right to change any policies as I see fit to ensure that you are indeed receiving the best possible education that I can give you in the subject matter at hand. If I feel a certain aspect of the course does not appear to be effective in its method, I will attempt to change it (for the better I hope). All changes will be made in writing.

GRADES Your final grade will be based upon the following items

- 35% - Homework - required to be handed in on a regular basis
- 30% - Quizzes - given randomly, without warning
- 25% - Final Exam - exam covering all of the material from the semester
- 10% - Class participation - interaction during class, and in projects/presentations

IMPORTANT DATES
FOR FALL 2008

- 2008.08.18 - Classes begin
- 2008.08.22 - Last day to add a class
- 2008.08.22 - Last day to drop a class with no grade record
- 2008.08.22 - Last day to drop a class with refund/no charges
- 2008.10.15 - Last day to drop a class with automatic W
- 2008.10.31 - Last day to complete final application for graduation
- 2008.11.12 - Last day to drop a class
- 2008.12.12 - Classes end

SPECIAL
ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student needing special accommodations due to a disability should contact the Coordinator of Student Disability Services, Student Union, Suite 204 or call (580) 745-2254 (TDD# 745-2704). It is the responsibility of each student to make an official request to the Coordinator for accommodations.