

College Algebra Math 104-001 Summer 2009
MW 10:50-1:30 ENG 107 3 Credits

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Text: *College Algebra Essentials*, 2nd Edition, Blitzer

Office hours: ENG 279 by appointment

MLC hours: Wednesdays 1:30-5:00 pm, Fridays 1:00-5:00 pm

Website: Homework assignments, handouts, and other information will be posted on my website, which can be found by clicking on my link on the Math Department webpage or by going directly to <http://web.me.com/robynette61>.

Course Description: An in-depth study of algebraic equations and inequalities. Comprehension of the underlying algebraic structure will be stressed as well as appropriate algebraic skills. The study will include polynomials, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions as well as systems of equations/inequalities.

Note: This course will not teach you basic algebra. You are expected to already have fundamental algebra skills.

Mathematics Learning Center (MLC): Located in ENG 136, the MLC is a wonderful (and free) resource. The center provides walk-in tutoring, along with other services, for all UCCS students. PLEASE SIGN IN.

Grading Policy:

Homework/Quizzes	15%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%
Final Exam	25%

Homework: Homework will be assigned at the end of each class period and will *usually* be collected the following Monday. Late homework will not be accepted for any reason. Each assignment must be organized, legible and stapled for full credit. I will drop your lowest homework score from your final grade.

Prerequisites: The course prerequisites require you to have passed Math 090, or received a score of 12 or better on the algebra diagnostic exam. Even if you have met the prerequisites, it may be wise to go back and review the material again if you do not remember it. Knowledge of the prerequisite material is crucial to your success in this class. **I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT YOU SATISFY THE PREREQUISITES. IF YOU DO NOT MEET THESE PREREQUISITES, THEN YOU SHOULD NOT BE TAKING THIS COURSE.** Please see me immediately if you have questions about this.

Prerequisite Quiz: At the beginning of the semester, a quiz will be given over prerequisite material. This quiz will assess how prepared you are for this course. There might be some of you for whom this course is not the correct one to be in, because your algebra skills are too weak. This prerequisite quiz will help in part to make that determination.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given throughout the semester and will not always be announced. NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY REASON. If a student misses a quiz, he/she will receive a zero for that quiz; however, I will drop the two lowest quiz scores from your final grade.

Tests: Three 75-minute exams and a comprehensive final exam will be given. Tests should be taken in pencil and NO CALCULATORS (or any electronic devices) WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY EXAMS. NO MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN. Every student must take the Final Exam at the designated time and date – no exceptions.

Dropping Policy: Any student should seek counseling from the Dean's office before dropping any course.

Disability statement: Students with disabilities should provide their letters of certification and accommodation within the first two weeks of class. To contact the Disabilities Office, call 255-3354.

Military Students: If you are expecting to be called for military duty during the course of the semester, please notify me as soon as possible.

Some other thoughts: In order for you to succeed in this class, I strongly recommend coming to class, taking notes, reading your book, doing (and understanding) your homework, and seeking help from the many support services that exist. I also encourage you to communicate with me, your instructor. If, for some reason, you are unable to perform some of these tasks (coming to class, doing homework, etc.) please discuss the situation with me. If you do not keep me informed, I cannot help you. It is your responsibility.

Note: The policies on this syllabus may change at any time. If any changes are made, they will be announced in class.

*"If by chance I have omitted anything more or less proper or necessary, I beg forgiveness, since there is no one who is without fault and circumspect in all matters."
-Leonardo Fibonacci*