

## Math 104: College Algebra Syllabus Spring 2011

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**Office hours:** MW 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, ENG Room 289, phone – 255-3869

**Class Time:** MW 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM, Room COB 317

**Prerequisites:** Score of 20 or higher on the Math ACT or 12 or higher on the Algebra Diagnostic Exam.

**Homework:** Homework is critical in mastering the topics discussed in class. Homework will be assigned and due weekly. Homework will be worth 20% of the final grade. No late homework will be accepted, however, I will drop your two lowest homework scores.

**Exams and Final:** There will be two exams and a cumulative final. The exams will each be worth 25% and the final exam will be worth 30%. If you have extenuating circumstances and know ahead of time that you need to miss an exam, you can make arrangements with the instructor to take the exam early. You will not be allowed to take an exam late. If you miss an exam on the date it is given, and did not make arrangements to take it early, you will not be allowed to makeup the exam. The grade on your final can be used to replace the missed exam. If you score lower on an exam than you do on the final, your final can also be used to replace the lower test score. Note: only one test score can be replaced with the final exam score.

**Exam Dates:** Exam 1- 3/7/2011, Exam 2- 4/20/2011

**Final Exam Date:** Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:50 AM – 1:20 PM. You cannot makeup the final exam so make sure to schedule the date and plan ahead.

**Disability Statement:** Students with disabilities should contact Disability Services at 262-3354. Students with disabilities should provide their letters of accommodation within the first two weeks of class.

**Supplemental Instruction (SI):** We are lucky to have an SI leader assigned to our class. His name is Sean Dean. Here is some information describing what the SI sessions are about:

A Supplemental Instruction (SI) component is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of the material taught in this course. SI sessions are led by a student who has already mastered the course material and has been trained to facilitate group sessions where students can meet to compare class notes, review and discuss important concepts, develop strategies for studying, and prepare for exams. Attendance at SI sessions is free and voluntary. Students may attend as many times as they choose. SI sessions begin the second week of class and continue throughout the semester. A session schedule will be announced in class. For information about the program and session schedule/updates, visit:

[http://www.uccs.edu/~mlc/si\\_and\\_help.html](http://www.uccs.edu/~mlc/si_and_help.html).

### **Additional Notes:**

- You must staple your homework together, in numerical order, so that pages don't get lost and so the grader can easily follow your work.
- You must show all of your work on homework and on exams in order to get full or partial credit.
- Your work must be legible in order to get credit. If your work cannot be read due to sloppy handwriting then you will not get credit for the work on homework or exams.
- Additional, free, drop in help is available at the Math Learning Center (MLC) located in ENG 136.
- Only non-graphing, scientific calculators are allowed for this course.