

Math 104 – Fall 2011

Course Syllabus

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Meetings: MW 1:40 pm -2:55 pm in Columbine Hall 322

Office Hours: TBA in my office, 279 Engineering. You are welcome to drop by if I am in my office. You can also email me to make an appointment.

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Text: College Algebra 3rd Edition, by Blitzer.

Description: This course will cover a range of algebra topics including, but not limited to, exponents, polynomials, factoring, graphing, quadratics, inequalities, functions, logarithms and exponential growth.

Grading:

Homework 20%

Exams 50%

Final 30%

Your lowest 3 homework scores will not be counted toward your grade. There will be one quiz and 2 midterm exams, the exam you score best on will count for 30% of your grade and the other will count for 15% of your grade. The quiz will count for 5% of your grade and will be given in the eighth week of class (If I opt not to give a quiz I will change the second highest exams value from 15% to 20%).

Homework: Homework will be assigned **every** Monday and is due at the **beginning** of class on the next Monday. Assignments will have **additional problems** added onto them after class on Wednesday so be sure to check blackboard regularly. Also be sure to look at the date the assignment is due. Sometimes I will post the next homework assignment before the current one is due. Before coming to class make sure you have stapled your assignment, folded it vertically in half, and written your name on the outside of it. If you are unsure about how to do a homework problem I suggest attempting a similar odd numbered problem and then checking the solution/answer in the back of the text for guidance. Please write your homework legibly and in order, part of your homework grade depends on this. Late homework will be accepted, but 10% of the possible points will be deducted for every day of class that the assignment is late. I **strongly** encourage you to turn in homework on time. Keeping current with the homework is one of the best ways to be successful in this course.

Exams: (These dates are subject to change except for the final)

- Exam 1: Wednesday October 5th
- Exam 2: Wednesday November 16th
- Final: Monday, December 12th, 1:40 pm - 4:10 pm

In general no make up exams will be given. However, if there is a valid reason for missing an exam (like school sponsored sport participation or serious illness/injury) come talk to me and we can make arrangements for a make up exam or alternate grading. NOTE: An already existing travel plan is NOT a valid reason for missing an exam and no make up exam will be offered.

Class Grading policy: Typically I assign final grades in this way. This is not set in stone, however this is usually the lowest threshold for grades, i.e., the cutoff point for a specific grade could actually be higher than what is listed below, although that isn't too likely.

A	$\geq 90\%$
A-	87%-89.9%
B+	84%-86.9%
B	80%-83.9%
B-	77%-79.9%
C+	74%-76.9%
C	70%-73.9%
C-	67%-69.9%
D+	64%-66.9%
D	60%-63.9%
D-	57%-59.9%
F	$< 56.9\%$

Note that when I write an A- is up to 89.9%, I really mean anything greater than or equal to 87% and less than 90%. So an overall grade of 89.975% would still be an A-.