MA 100 INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA FALL 2002
MWRF 3:00 - 3:50 p.m., JXJ 201

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PREREQUISITE: MA090 or satisfactory score on Math Placement Exam. If you have any questions about your qualifications for the course, see me within two days.

OFFICE HOURS: 10:00-10:45 MWTF 10:45-12:00 on Thursdays 2:00-3:45 MWTF
Other times by appointment

MATERIALS NEEDED:
1. Textbook: **UNDERSTANDING INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA** (5TH edition) Hirsch and Goodman, Brooks/Cole Publishing Co., 2002.
2. A *graphing* calculator. All laptops should be equipped with TI-Interactive which is a program that simulates the TI-83. If you plan to buy a graphing calculator, the TI-83, TI-86, or TI-89 will serve well. If you are going to take MA 171, then the TI-89 or TI-86 are the best choices.
3. A ring binder notebook for notes and homework. The pages should be removable so that you can hand them in if requested.

ATTENDANCE:
1. Attendance is expected and will be taken daily. You are responsible for all notes, homework, quizzes, tests and announcements *even if you are absent*.
2. Bring your book, homework, and notebook with you daily. You will not need your calculator/laptop daily, but are encouraged to have it handy. Some units will require you to have them with you in class.
3. If you are absent three or less times and have an average of at least 80%, you may ask to skip the final exam and receive the grade that you are earning at that time.

EVALUATION: Your grade for the course is determined by adding up all the points you earned on the quizzes and tests, and then comparing that total to the total points possible. A = 93-100%; A- = 90-92%, B+ = 87-89%; B = 83-86%; B- = 80-82%; C+ = 77-79%; C = 73-76%; C- = 70-72%, etc.

By department rules, you need a grade of C- or better to proceed to the next math course.

WARNING: A regularly announced test or quiz can only be made up if arrangements are made with the instructor <u>in</u> <u>advance</u>! No pop quiz can be made up.

DISABILITY:
"If you have a need for disability-related accommodations or services, please inform the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Disability Services Office at 405 Cohodas (227-1550). Reasonable and effective accommodations and services will be provided to students if requests are made in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation, in accordance with federal, state, and University guidelines."

MA 100 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE of Exams and Chapter/sections (August 26 to December 13)

Exam 1: Sec. 1.1-1.5
Exam 2: Sec. 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.2
Exam 3: Sec. 4.1-4.4, 5.1-5.3
Exam 4: Sec. 5.4-5.6, 6.1-6.4
Exam 5: Sec. 7.1-7.6
Exam 6: Sec. 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.6

FINAL EXAM: Wednesday, Dec. 10 4:00-5:50 p.m.

There are no NMU classes on October 11, November 1, November 27-29. Do not ask to make up an exam or quiz if you decide to travel before or after those days off.

NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. The exact dates of tests and regular quizzes will be announced in class. Pop quizzes are unannounced.
2. Daily assignments usually consist of selected exercises following the section that was discussed in class. Do all the homework that is assigned -- and a little more if you need more practice.
3. Be prepared to ask questions about homework at the beginning of each class. If you need extra help, come to my office or go to the tutoring lab in WS 3810.
4. To review for tests, it is recommended that you:
   a) Read the Chapter Summary at the end of each chapter; learn all the terms, symbols and rules.
   b) Do the Chapter Review Exercises, Critical Thinking Exercises and Achievement Test.
   c) Go over the assignments from each section.
5. If you must be absent, call me or a classmate to get the assignment so you can keep up with the class. Arrange to get notes and handouts from a classmate.