
MA 090 (4 cr.) – Fall 2007
BEGINNING ALGEBRA

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:00 – 10:00
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Course Description:

The fundamental operations of algebra are covered with a problem solving emphasis. The course includes graphing, linear equations, exponents and introductory probability and statistics.

Required Materials to be provided by the Student:

- Jamesen, J., & Hetler, G. (2000). *Beginning Algebra: Once and For All*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- Scientific Calculator
- Pencil and Paper

Student Information:

- Math Lab WS 3810 (227-1612)
- All-Campus Tutoring LRC 111H & HDG 3302 (227-2618)

Required Behavior/Attitudes:

Successful completion of this course requires exhibiting the following at all times:

- Attendance at all class sessions. See attached schedule for the tentative list of course meeting dates. *Note: the instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule.*

- Come to class prepared and on time. This means your homework should be done at the start of class. Frequently, quizzes will contain questions taken from your homework.

Assessment:

- Quizzes will be given periodically. Some quizzes will be announced, others will not. No make-up quizzes will be given. Often, quiz questions will come from the previous session's recommended homework.
- There will be six (6) tests in the course, each worth 100 points, except for Ch. 4 which will be worth 50 points.
- Make-up tests will not be given for absences unless the student discusses his/her situation with me before the scheduled test date. Grades on tests and quizzes are not "curved."
- There will be a final exam worth 200 points.

Grading Scale:

100-93 = A	69-68 = D+
92-90 = A-	67-63 = D
89-88 = B+	62-60 = D-
87-83 = B	59-0 = F
82-80 = B-	
79-78 = C+	
77-73 = C	
72-70 = C-	

*** A grade of a least a C- is required to registration in MA 100**

Disability Services:

If you have a need for disability-related accommodations or services, please inform the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Disability Services Office by: coming into the office at 2001 C. B. Hedgcock; calling 227-1700; or e-mailing disserv@nmu.edu. Reasonable and effective accommodations and services will be provided to Candidates if requests are made in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation, in accordance with federal, state, and University guidelines.

The instructor reserves the right to alter the syllabus at any point.

Schedule:

Week:	Tuesday	Thursday
One: 8/28 & 8/30	Section 1.1	Section 1.2
Two: 9/4 & 9/6	Section 1.3 & 1.4	Section 1.5
Three: 9/11 & 9/13	Ch. 1 TEST	Section 2.1
Four: 9/18 & 9/20	Section 2.2 & 2.3	Section 2.3 & 2.4
Five: 9/25 & 9/27	Ch. 2 TEST	Section 3.1
Six: 10/2 & 10/4	Section 3.2	Section 3.3
Seven: 10/9 & 10/11	Ch. 3 TEST	Section 4.1 & 4.2
Eight: 10/16 & 10/18	Section 4.2 & 4.3	Section 4.4
Nine: 10/23 & 10/25	Ch. 4 TEST	Section 5.1
Ten: 10/30 & 11/1	Section 5.2	Section 5.3 & 5.4
Eleven: 11/6 & 11/8	Section 5.5	Ch. 5 TEST
Twelve: 11/13 & 11/15	Section 6.1	Section 6.2
Thirteen: 11/20 & 11/22	Section 6.3	Section 6.4

Fourteen: 11/27 & 11/ 29	Ch. 6 TEST	Section 7.1 & 7.2
Fifteen: 12/4 & 12/6	Ch. 7 Quiz	REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM
FINALS WEEK	Finals Date and Time TBD	