Fall 2008 MA100 Intermediate Algebra
JXJ 242 10-10:50 AM MWRF WS2901 11-11:50AM MWRF
Text: Understanding Intermediate Algebra by Hirsch&Goodman

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Prerequisite: At least a B- in MA 090, permission of the math department, or a satisfactory Placement Test Score! See me immediately after class if you do not meet the prerequisite!!!

You will need a scientific calculator (I strongly recommend a Texas Instrument model TI-30XA), a notebook for notes and homework, and graph paper. **A pencil and eraser are *REQUIRED* for tests. You do not need a graphing calculator!**

Attendance EVERY DAY is absolutely essential. Attendance is taken at the start of class. If an illness or other emergency prevents you from attending class, you are required to contact me for missed assignments and/or tests. Do not assume that I know you are ill. Use e-mail or leave a message with the Math Office at 227-2020. Extra-help in the form of tutoring is available. Times and places will be announced when tutoring begins.

Turn off cell phones, pagers, and other electronic equipment during class. You will not need your laptop in class! Use your desktop for taking notes and tests.

Assignments:
Homework will be assigned daily. Complete it daily to get full benefit from the course. Plan on spending at least 2 hours for each hour of class. We will cover the material in Chapters One through Eight. We will cover at least one section of the book each day.

Tests
There will be a test after Chapters 2,4,6, and 8. Tests will cover reading, homework, and concepts discussed in class. **No test scores will be dropped**. You must take tests at their scheduled times. **No make-up is possible for any test unless you notify me BEFORE test time**. A documented excuse may be necessary in order to take a make-up test. Make up tests will be scheduled as soon as you return to class. It is your responsibility to contact me about a make up test. **Only students who have taken all chapter tests will be admitted to the final exam**. A ***comprehensive*** *final* exam will be given during exam week in December. **To pass the course you must take all tests and the final exam unless you are exempt from the exam. In short, if you fail to take a test, you may fail the course!!! Very few exceptions are granted. Students with an average of at least 90% after the Chapter 7&8 test will be exempt from the final exam. A grade of AT LEAST C- is required for registration in MA100.**

Approximate Grading Scale:
A: 90-100% of your possible points; B: 80-89% of your possible points; C: 70-79 % of your possible points; D: 60-69 % of your possible points; F: < 60 % of your possible points. Grades are not curved. The grade you earn is dependent on the total number of points you accumulate. Your final grade is weighted with the final exam counted as 15%.

Disability Information:
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 students if requests are made in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation, in accordance with federal, state, and University guidelines.