

MA 100 INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA (Winter 2002)
10-10:50 am MWRF – PEIF 140

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Office Hours: 9-10 MWThF, 12-2T, or by appointment (Don't hesitate to call me at home unless it is after 10 p.m.)

PREREQUISITES: At least a C- in MA 090 or satisfactory score on Math Placement Exam

TEXT: *UNDERSTANDING INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA: A Graphing Approach*
by Hirsch and Goodman

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES: Graphing Calculator or *TI Interactive* emulator software, simple graph paper, straight-edge, pencil, and eraser.

COURSE CONTENT: We will cover material in Chapters 1 –10 of the text.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is required and will be checked daily. Unexcused absences in excess of 4 may result in a lowering of your final grade.

ASSIGNMENTS: Reading and problems will be assigned each class period. **Plan to spend an average of 2 hours on each assignment.** We will go over the assignments in class. Show the work for each problem when possible. An answer without work shown is usually not sufficient for credit for homework, tests or quizzes

EVALUATION: There will be 6-7 announced tests. These tests will represent 70% of your course grade. Tests must be taken at their scheduled times. No make-up is possible for any test unless you notify me BEFORE test time, and you present a valid, documented excuse for the absence upon your return to class. **No test scores will be dropped.**

Quizzes, usually unannounced, will be given often. Quiz questions will usually come directly from your homework assignment. Make-up quizzes will be more difficult. Daily points for attendance and homework will also be awarded. Quiz, attendance and homework points together will account for 15% of the course grade

A comprehensive final exam, given on Mon. Apr. 29th from 10am – 11:50am, will represent 15% of your course grade. **Only students who have taken all tests will be admitted to the final exam.**

GRADES: Straight percentage (90's-A's, 80's-B's, 70's-C's, 60's-D's, <60-F)

A grade of AT LEAST C- is required for registration in MA103, MA104, or MA150

A grade of AT LEAST B- is required for registration in MA105.

EXTRA HELP: See office hours listed above. Other sources of assistance are the Math Study Lab in NSF1001B and the All-Campus Tutorial Service. The hours for these services will be announced. You will receive 5 bonus points awarded to the area that you need most (quiz, test or final) if you utilize the Math Lab or ACT at least 2 times.

NOTE: "If you have a need for disability-related accommodations or services, please inform the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Disability Services Office at 1104 University Center (227-1737). 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."

