

Winter 2006 MA 090 Beginning Algebra 11:00 AM MTWR WS3607

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Office Hours: 12noon-2:00PM, by appointment

Prerequisite: At least a B- in OC080 or a satisfactory Placement Test Score

Required materials: Text: *Beginning Algebra: Once and For All*, Kendall/ Hunt, Jane Jamsen and Gwen Hetler. A scientific or graphing calculator; 2 loose leaf notebooks, one for class notes and one for homework assignments; pencil and eraser.

Attendance: Attendance is required, checked daily and is essential for success in this course. Algebra is a participatory sport.

Assignments: Homework will be assigned daily. Keep your homework in a looseleaf notebook separate from your notebook for classnotes. Do not do your homework in the textbook. Quizzes may include homework problems which can be copied from your homework notebook. Group exploration problems may be assigned to be completed outside of class. Every student in the group is required to participate and sign the solution when it is submitted for any credit to be received. Each member of the group receives the same grade. Group assignments can not be made up.

Tests and Quizzes: Quizzes will be given often to help the student and teacher assess progress. They may not be announced. In place of an in-class quiz, you may be asked to turn in a completed homework assignment. Quizzes can not be made up. Students with fewer than 4 unexcused absences will have their lowest quiz score dropped. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter and will cover material in the text, homework, and material discussed in class which may not be in the book. No test scores will be dropped. Make up tests are only possible if I am notified in advance of the class hour (11:00AM) and the excuse is documented. Grades on quizzes and tests are not curved.

Approximate Grading Scale: A: 90-100%; B: 80-89%; C: 70-79%; D: 60-69%; F: <60%
Grades are based on the total number of points you accumulate from quizzes, tests, extra credit, the final exam, and attendance. Quizzes will have 10-30 points; tests 50-100 points. More than four unexcused absences may result in a lowering of your final grade. A grade of at least C- is required for registration in MA100.

Extra Help: My office: Monday and Wednesday, 12noon-2:00PM by appointment.
Math Lab WS 3810: 227-1612
All Campus Tutoring: LCR 111H & HDG 3302.2: 227-2618

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 at 2001 C.B. Hedgecock (227-1700; TTY 227-1543). 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.

