Course Syllabus – MA 100 Intermediate Algebra – Winter 2007

Class time and location : 10:00 MTWR WS2901

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Prerequisite:

C- or better in MA090 or satisfactory score on the Math Placement Exam (or math diagnostic test)

Course Objective :

This course is designed for students who need a good review of their high school algebra (usually before taking one of the college algebra courses).

Requirements :

1) Attendance is required and will be taken. Attendance may be used in determining your grade (see grade section - #3). In case of an illness, you will be responsible for keeping up with class work. **On days of tests or quizzes (announced), you must call my voice mail or e-mail me before class to be excused.** Make up tests, if approved by me, are taken in the math office - NSF1001 – as soon as possible (usually the next day).

2) Homework will be assigned at the end of most classes. Most of the time the homework will not be collected, but it is essential to the learning of the material. I recommend that you keep your assignments and notes in a looseleaf or spiral notebook, separate from the text. The best way to learn math is to do math.

3) Your final grade will be determined from a combination of the points achieved from your collected homework (if any), tests and the final exam. Tests will be given at the end of most chapters. There will be 8 tests (time permitting) and one attendance test score (determined by your attendance %). I will drop the lowest of the 9 test scores. The final will be the size and value of about one and a half tests.

Required Materials :

1) *Understanding Intermediate Algebra :* Fifth Edition, Hirsch & Goodman.

2) A graphing calculator or scientific calculator (no laptops allowed).

3) A notebook for class notes and homework.

Material to be covered :

We will cover most of chapters 1 – 8 (9 & 10 if time permits).

Grading Scale : (Approximate)

90 – 100 %	A's
80 – 89 %	B's
70 – 79 %	C's
60 – 69 %	D's
below 60 %	F

Extra Help :

Extra help is available from me (by appointment), the math study lab (WS3810) and the all-campus tutorial service (LRC 111H) . Don't wait until you fall behind before you seek help. Math builds on itself, catching up is very difficult, if you fall too far behind.

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