

Syllabus for Math 150A: Elementary Algebra, Spring 2017

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Section 5145 TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9-10:15 in Room 1765 MyMathLab course ID: <i>nieto00391</i> Final Exam: Thursday, May 25, 7:00 am-9:45am	Section 5141 MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 3-4:15 in Room 1711 MyMathLab course ID: <i>nieto42252</i> Final Exam: Monday, May 22, 1-3:45pm
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REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

Calculator: No cell phones are allowed on tests. Non-graphing scientific calculators will be allowed **after** Test 1.

Computer: You need daily access to the internet on a computer.

Online Homework System: The student version of MyMathLab (an online homework, tutorial, and assessment system that is correlated to the textbook) is required. To register, go to www.coursecompass.com. You will need the following:

1. Course ID – **see box above. Be sure to enroll in CORRECT section with the same name listed in your SRJC cubby.**

2. Either an access code (provided with new textbooks at the bookstore) OR a credit card payment online. There is a 2 week free trial option. All students are to be enrolled by the end of first week.

The tech support phone number is **1-800-677-6337**.

Textbook: Beginning Algebra, 7th Edition, by Martin-Gay. ISBN: 0-13-420880-3 MyMathLab includes an online copy of the textbook, so purchasing a hard copy of the text is **optional**.

PREREQUISITE CSKLS 372 or qualifying placement score

GRADING

Tests (4 tests at 16% each)	64%
Final Exam	20%
Online Homework	10%
Written Homework.....	6%

Course grades use the following scale:

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: 0-59

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Most students find that attending lecture each day is critical to success in a mathematics course. You will be dropped from this course if you miss more than 6 class meetings. Arriving late, leaving early, or not paying attention in class will each count as an absence.

ONLINE HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned daily and should be completed by the next class meeting. Assignments will be due online by the next class meeting. MyMathLab has all due dates posted. You may work on homework problems after the due date, but there will be a 30% penalty for late submission. **** REVIEW assignments are optional. If you have homework questions for my office hour or during class, you must have the complete problem written down along with the textbook section and problem number. You should keep an organized written history of all online problems.

WRITTEN HOMEWORK REQUIREMENTS:

1. Do all of your work in pencil on 8.5 by 11" paper carefully labeling the section number and problem number.
2. Use graph or engineering paper for any assignments involving graphing.(NO torn edges will be excepted)
3. Show all work and write down the original problem on your paper before working it all out. You need not write down long word problems, but include all vital info regarding the word problem on your paper.
4. Box your final answers.
5. These are due at the start of class, first day of the week. (Monday or Tuesday, depending which class you are enrolled in)
6. No late papers accepted. The lowest score will be dropped.

TESTS

Four tests and a final exam will be given during the semester. There are **NO MAKE UP TESTS**. Tests must be written in pencil for full credit. If you score at least 70% on the practice test and review assignments before each test, you receive 2% extra credit on the test. If your homework scores are >70%, and your written homework average is >70% then your **passing** final exam can replace your lowest test score.

CLASS BEHAVIOR RULES

Students are to act respectfully and pay attention while in class. Cell phones, ipods, etc. are to be turned off and stored in your bag. (NOT on your desk.) Students are expected to arrive on time, stay the entire class period, and not put their course materials away before the instructor has concluded the lecture. During class, students are to remain in their seats and all discussions are to be directed to the instructor. Eating and drinking are prohibited during class. Exceptions are made for emergencies or for medical reasons. Let me know of such cases. Failure to follow the Class Behavior Rules may result in being dropped from the class.

DROPPING

If you need to drop this course, remember that it is your responsibility to do so.

Last day to drop without a "W":

February 5, 2016

Last day to drop:

April 23, 2016

ADDITIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

FREE Tutoring → Tutorial Center (first floor library) & Shuhaw Computer and Math Lab (Room 1733 and 1735)

Study Groups → Not only can you help one another by working together, but it can be a lot of fun to discuss mathematics.

CHEATING & PLAGIARISM

Students who cheat, plagiarize, or assist such students will receive an F in the course. The college may have additional consequences for such students. Although students are encouraged to work together outside of class, students must hand in their own work.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact Disability Resources (527-4278), Bertolini Student Center, Third Floor, Room 4844, as soon as possible to better ensure such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

In the event of an emergency during class that requires evacuation of the building, please leave the class immediately, but calmly. Our class will meet on the road outside the building to make sure everyone got out of the building safely and to receive further instructions. If you are a student with a disability who may need assistance in an evacuation, please see your instructor as soon as possible to discuss an evacuation plan.

COURSE OUTLINE AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

https://portal.santarosa.edu/SRweb/SR_CourseOutlines.aspx

In the end--- pay attention, ask questions and get help asap, don't fall behind, keep an open mind--- you can do this!!



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1. Do all of your work in pencil on 8.5 by 11" paper carefully labeling the section number and problem number. Staple in top left corner as necessary.
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Written Homework Schedule:

#	Due	Problems:
1	Start of Week Jan 23	Page 73, ch 1 review: 21,22,31,44, 49
2	Start of Week Jan 30	Page 73 ch 1 review: 100, 101, 106; Page 169 ch 2 review: 8, 13, 18
3	<u>Start of Week Feb 6</u>	<u>Page 169 ch 2 review: 34, 35, 43, 48</u>
4	Start of Week Feb 13	Page 169 Ch 2 review:54, 58, 61, 68
5	Start of Week Feb 20	Page 169 ch 2 review: 76, 86
6	<u>Start of Week Feb 27</u>	<u>Page 169 ch 2 review 94, 108, 109</u>
7	Start of Week Mar 6	In class handout
8	Start of Week Mar 13	Page 250 Ch 3 review: (Use graph paper for any credit) 24, 28, 32
9	<u>Start of Week Mar 27</u>	<u>Page 250 Ch 3 review: (Use graph paper for any credit) 40, 41, 54, 60, 74, 80</u>
10	Start of Week April 3	Page 250 Ch 3 review: 93, 96, 102
11	Start of Week April 10	Page 365 Ch 5 review: 2,3,15,22,34,38,52, 53
12	<u>Start of Week April 17</u>	<u>Page 365 Ch 5 review: 64,70, 78,86</u>
13	Start of Week April 24	Page 365 Ch 5 review: 94, 102, 112, 122
14	Start of Week May 1	Page 407 Integrated review: 7, 10, 40, 35, 33, 66, 56
15	<u>Start of Week May 8</u>	<u>Page 407 Integrated review: 47, 81, 64, 88</u>
16	Start of Week May 15	Page 432 Ch 6 review: 50, 53, 54, 60, 65

Remember- start of the week is EITHER MONDAY or TUESDAY- depending on which 150a class you are enrolled.