

Syllabus, Mathematics, Santa Rosa Junior College
Math 150A, Spring 2017

General Information:

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Textbook and Other Required Material: Beginning Algebra, 7th ed, with MyMathLab access, by Martin-Gay, Publisher: Pearson

Your MyMathLab code is: carlin-goldberg54806

Prerequisites: At least a C in CSKL 372, or pass placement exam.

Course Description: The first half of a beginning algebra course, including equations and inequalities in one variable, integer exponents, polynomials, and equations and inequalities in two variables. MATH 150A/MATH 150B splits MATH 151 into a two-semester sequence which is equivalent to a first year high school algebra course. Not open to those who have taken MATH 151 with a grade of "C" or better.

Class Policies, Expectations, Requirements

- Attendance: If you miss the first two days of class or two days in the first two weeks of class without prior approval from me, I will drop you from the course. I will not include attendance as a part of your grade, but there will be in-class mini quizzes, exit problems, worksheets that are worth points and will be included as a part of your homework/quiz grade. I will not accept any of these in class items late, nor will there be any makeups. If you have a prolonged absence from the class or miss an exam without contacting me about such an absence, I may drop you from the course.
- You will need a calculator, but only for very few problems. It is important that you work most problems without a calculator. This will help you solidify your knowledge of arithmetic with numbers, particularly fractions. There are no calculators allowed on exams.
- The homework is assigned, and submitted online. There will be NO extensions granted for any reason other than an error on the part of the MyMathLab system. I expect that you get to work on your assignments early and consistently, therefore, last minute disasters will not be grounds for assignment extensions! When the assignment is posted, download the assignment and you are allowed and encouraged to print out the assignment and work on the solutions by hand and in study groups. Then enter in your answers in the system when you are done. If you get an unaccepted answer on the first few tries, go seek help with the problem! Follow the instructions in the MyMathLab instructions file found on the class's web page for help signing up. The first assignment will be due Tuesday, 1/24 at 11:59 PM. Homework will typically be due twice every week, at 11:59 PM, on Tuesdays and Fridays. You must complete each assignment with a score of 80% or better in order to start working on the next assignment.
- Closed book quizzes will be given every week starting Thursday of the second week of classes. The quizzes will be based on homework assignments: one or more homework

problems will be selected and included in a quiz. Quizzes will be given at the beginning of class sessions. The lowest two quiz scores will be dropped. I do not give make up quizzes for any reason. That's what the dropped quizzes are for!

- You are expected to read through each section covered in class in the book before class. If you can get into this habit, it will serve you well in your future math classes. You can have to have a hard copy of the book or an EBook, the EBook is the least expensive.
- There will be 3 midterms and a final exam. The final exam is comprehensive. The exams are all scheduled and posted online.
- No make-up tests will be given. If you have a 69% (passing) or better on the final, I will drop your lowest exam score and replace it with the Final percentage if such an action will help your grade.

Grading policy

Approximate grade breakdown: 17% (Homework/Quizzes, 100 points) + 50% (3 Midterms, 300 points) + 33%(Final exam, 200 points) = 100%

I take your percentage on the homework and the quizzes and I add it to the points received on the midterms and the final This will be your final score. If you want to know your current grade in the class at any time, ask me. Final percentage = Final score / 6. No scores in the class will be curved.

A 100 - 90% B 80 - 89% C 69 - 79% D 60 - 68% F 0 - 59%

Tutoring:

- FREE Tutoring: The Computer and Mathematics Lab in 1733. Santa Rosa Campus's Tutorial Center (first floor of library) and Petaluma Campus's Tutorial Center located in Kathleen Doyle Hall, 2nd Floor, Rm 247. For any student who has declared a Calculus based science major, you can join MESA, located in Bertolini, room 4832. Link to Website They have tutoring services and so much more!
- Study Groups: Not only can you help one another by working together, but it can be a lot of fun to discuss mathematics. Since I do not grade on a curve, there is no reason to compete with one another. Let me know if you need assistance setting up a study group - I would be happy to help.
- Private Tutors: The Math Department has a list of private tutors. This list can be found on the Math Department web site at mathematics.santarosa.edu/

Academic Integrity: Although students are encouraged to work together outside of class, students must do their own work on homework, quizzes, and exams. Students who cheat or assist other students in cheating will receive no credit (0%) on that assignment or test, will be suspended for two class meetings by the instructor, and may be referred to the Vice President of Student Services for discipline sanction in cases of egregious violation. A second offense will result in permanent dismissal from the class and an F in the course. Please read SRJCs policy/procedure on academic integrity at here.

Accommodating a Disability If you need disability-related accommodations for this class, such as a note taker, test-taking services, special furniture, etc., please provide the Authorization for Academic Accommodations (AAA letter) from the Disability Resources Department (DRD) to me as soon as possible. You may also speak with me privately during office

hours about your accommodations. If you have not received authorization from DRD, it is recommended that you contact them directly. DRD is located in 101 Jacobs Hall on the Petaluma Campus and Analy Village on the Santa Rosa campus. I cannot give you accommodations if you are not registered with the DRD!

Emergency Evacuation: In the event of an emergency during class that requires evacuation of the building, please leave the class immediately and calmly. Our class will exit the building together 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 me as soon as possible to discuss an evacuation plan.

- I expect you to come to class with the tools you need: class workbook, pencil, eraser, calculator, and paper.
- Students are to act respectfully and pay attention while in class. The best way to learn is through participation, listening actively, and by being polite even when we disagree with another's viewpoint.
- Cell phones, iPods, etc. are to be turned off. Please note that a cell phone/smart phone is NOT a calculator, you will not be able to use them at any time in class. During Exams, if your cell phone goes off, you are disrupting your classmates' concentration and I will take away your exam and ask you to leave. You will not be allowed to finish your exam later.
- Students are expected to arrive on time, stay the entire class period, and not put course materials away before I have concluded the lecture.
- Sharpen your pencils and use the restroom before class starts. Do not eat or drink distracting foods (such as crunchy chips) or put your head down on the desk and sleep during class.
- Since other students may find side conversations distracting, direct your questions to me, not to your neighbor.
- If you use a laptop or tablet computer for note taking, please sit in the front row with the sound off. You cannot do your homework, chat online, Facebook, Tweet, etc. during class.
- We will conduct ourselves in a manner that reflects our awareness of common standards of decency and the rights of others. All students are expected to know the Student Conduct Code, link found on the class's website for your reference, and adhere to it in this class. Students who violate the code more than once will be asked to leave the classroom and must schedule a meeting with me to explain to me why you should be allowed to return to class. Repeated offenses and we will refer to the Vice President of Student Services for discipline.

If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them in class or during my office hours. I'll be glad to provide any help you need.

No Mathematicians were hurt in the making of this Syllabus