

MATH 150A: ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA 1

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Class Location: Bussman 1454

Class Hours: TTh 1:30 - 3:00

Office Hours: See my schedule in course folder

Prerequisite: Completion of CSKLS 372 or higher (VE) or Course Completion of DRD 382. Not open to those who have taken MATH 151 with a grade of "C" or better.

Textbook (required): Beginning Algebra (7th Edition), by Martin-Gay. You can either purchase a physical copy or use the digital copy that comes with buying access to MyMathLab.

Class Overview: 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. The combination of MATH 150A and MATH 150B is equivalent to MATH 151.

Calculator: It is required that you obtain a non-graphing calculator for this course. No other devices, including graphing calculators, will be permitted during tests. There is a program wherein you may borrow a calculator from the campus library for the semester.

Grading: Your grade will be determined by your homework grade (20%), quiz grade (10%), exam grade (50%), and final exam grade (20%).

Your letter grade will be determined based on the standard scale (with no +'s or -'s):

A: 90-100% B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: 0-59%

Each of the above categories will be explained below.

Homework: Your homework grade will be based on two parts and will be worth 20% of your course grade. Please see the attached document explaining the guidelines for earning your full homework score. Here is a summary. Homework will be completed online using a website called MyMathLab (MML). Late MML homework will be accepted for a maximum score of 70%. You will also submit written homework once per week. Written homework will be graded mostly for formatting and partially for accuracy. If you submit every written assignment, and if you earn at least 70% on every MML assignment, then I will drop your lowest test grade or replace your lowest test grade with your final exam grade (whichever improves your grade more).

Quizzes: We will have a quiz approximately once per week. Quizzes must be completed in pencil for full credit. I will drop your lowest two quizzes. The remaining quizzes will be averaged and count toward 10% of your total grade. They will not be pop quizzes, but I will not necessarily give them at the beginning of class. I will put them on the schedule at least a week before they are given, and you will know which section(s) they will cover. The quizzes will be similar to (but not exactly like) homework problems, and will take less than 15 minutes.

Tests: We will have 4 tests worth 10% each for a total of 50%. Each test must be completed in pencil for full credit. There will be NO MAKE-UP tests, no exceptions. Contact me right away if you miss (or will miss) a test or your score for that test will be zero. If you have a valid reason to miss a test, then I will excuse you from it and your remaining tests will each have more weight. If you take all four tests (or have a valid excuse for any missed tests), and if you satisfy the homework requirements, then the lowest test score will be dropped. Your final exam will not be dropped—this refers only to the 4 mid-term tests.

You will be allowed to use a non-graphing calculator during your tests.

Notes of any kind, 3x5 cards, books, cell phones, computers, headphones etc. are not allowed on any tests, including the final exam.

Final Exam: The final exam will be comprehensive. It will be given on **Thursday, May 25** between **1:00 - 3:45 pm**.

Extra Credit: NONE! Please do not ask me to give you an assignment for 'extra credit'! Come to class, do your homework, come to my office hours, visit the Tutoring Center and the Computer and Math Lab, form study groups, address any struggles with the material **on time** and you should be in good shape!

Communication: Please check your SRJC e-mail (or whatever email address you have on file in your student portal) daily for any announcements, handouts or updates that I may send out. The best and easiest way to contact me is by emailing me at michikawa@santarosa.edu, so please try that first.

Attendance: It is very important that you attend **every** class. However, if you do miss a class you are responsible for all announcements and material covered in your absence.

Class Conduct: You are expected to act in a mature and courteous manner toward me and your classmates. Please turn off your cell-phones before the beginning of each class. **DO NOT HAVE YOUR CELL PHONES OUT DURING CLASS FOR ANY REASON**, or you may be asked to leave the classroom! You are expected to know the Student Conduct Code and adhere to it in this class.

(Student Conduct Code: <https://student-conduct.santarosa.edu/>)

Academic Integrity: Cheating on tests and quizzes will not be tolerated! For more information, please see <https://studentlife.santarosa.edu/academic-integrity>

Students with Disabilities: If you need disability related accommodations for this class, such as a notetaker, test-taking services, special furniture, etc., please provide the Authorization for Academic Accommodations (AAA letter) from the Disability Resources Department (DRD) to the instructor as soon as possible. You may also speak with the instructor 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 on the Third Floor in the Bertolini Student Center, room 4844. <https://drd.santarosa.edu/>

A Word of Advice: If you are struggling with the material, please come and see me! Also, there is plenty of free extra help available on campus.

Extra Help Resources: Aside from my office hours, you have the following available to you:

- **Computer and Mathematics Lab** in Shuhaw Hall, room 1733.
- **Santa Rosa Campus's Tutorial Center** on the first floor of library.
- **Petaluma Campus's Tutorial Center** in Kathleen Doyle Hall, 2nd Floor, Rm 247.

Furthermore, for any student who has declared a Calculus based Science Major, you can join MESA, located in Bertolini. They have tutoring services and so much more!

Registration, Drop, and Grade Change Deadlines:

- January 22: Last day to register/add without an add code
- January 29: Last day to drop and be eligible for a refund
- February 5: Last day to register/add with an add code
- February 5: Last day to drop a class without "W" symbol
- April 23: Last day to drop a class with "W" symbol

For the full SRJC Academic Calendar, visit the link <http://admissions.santarosa.edu/academic-calendar/>.

Note: I reserve the right to change the syllabus at any point of time during the semester!