

Syllabus, Mathematics, Santa Rosa Junior College
Math 155, Fall 2017

General Information:

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Textbook and Other Required Material: Intermediate Algebra, 1st edition, by Lynn Marecek, OpenStax <https://openstax.org/details/books/intermediate-algebra#details>

Your XYZHomework Course ID: 12328 Your Openstax Authorization Code: TBD

Prerequisites: Completion of MATH 150B or higher (V1) OR Course Completion of MATH 151.

Course Description: This course is an intermediate algebra course which incorporates the use of technology. The topics in this course include functions, equations and inequalities in one variable, systems of linear equations in two or three variables, exponential and logarithmic functions and equations, and discrete topics. Graphing calculators and/or computer algebra systems will be incorporated as appropriate.

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.
- Graphing Calculators are required. I would recommend a TI-92, TI-86, or a TI-89, if you are planning to enroll in Precalculus next, a graphing calculator with 3d and vector graphing capabilities will be helpful in that class. If you plan to take Statistics next, a TI-83 or TI-84 would be best.
- The homework is assigned, and submitted online using XYZHomework. There will be NO extensions granted for any reason other than an error on the part of the XYZHomework 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! You have unlimited attempts for each exercise until the assignment is due, however, after the third attempt at each problem, you will lose 10% of the credit for that problem for every attempt after that. If you get an unaccepted answer on the first and second try, go seek help with the problem, don't just keep guessing! Follow the instructions in the XYZHomework instructions file found on the class's web page for help signing up. The first assignment will be due Monday, 8/28 at 11:59 PM. After that, all but the last assignment will be due Fridays at 11:59 PM. Friday due dates are a buffer only. You are expected to have the assignments mostly completed by class on Thursday. This is to prepare you for the Thursday quizzes.

- Closed book quizzes will be given every week starting Thursday of the second week of classes. The quizzes will be based on homework assignments. 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. You will have to have a hard copy of the book or an EBook, the EBook is the least expensive.
- There will be 4 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: 14% (Homework/Quizzes, 100 points) + 57% (4 Midterms, 400 points) + 29%(Final exam, 200 points) = 100%(700 points total)

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 / 7. 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 www.santarosa.edu/polman/3acadpro/3.11P.pdf.

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 Analy Village on the Santa Rosa campus and 101 Jacobs Hall on the Petaluma 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. 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.

Classroom Etiquette and Expectations:

- 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 student'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