

Math 150 A

Elementary Algebra 1

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Section: 6488

TTH: Petaluma 207 MW 1:30-2:45 PM

Text book: *Beginning Algebra*, 7th edition (Elayn Martin-Gay)

Other Materials: A scientific calculator is required.

Material to be covered: Topics will include the following: Algebraic properties, solving equations and inequalities in one variable, exponents, classification of terms, operations on polynomials, factoring and an introduction to graphing
Prerequisites: completion of CSKLS 372 or higher (VE) or Course Completion of DRD 382 (formerly known as LMATH 381)

Office hours: M 3Pm-3:30PM, W 11:30AM-12PM, MW 1:15-1:30 room 207 (or by appointment) most office hours in the math tutorial center room 247. Also you may reach me by e mail at astewart@santarosa.edu .

Grading: There will be 800 points available to earn towards your final grade as follows:

Homework:	100 points	100-90%:	A
Quizzes:	100 points	80-89%:	B
4 hour exams:	400 points	65-79%:	C
Final exam:	200 points	50-65%:	D

Quizzes every Wednesday (not given weeks that exams are given, 2 low scores dropped, no makeup quizzes will be given)

Credit/No credit: It is possible to take this class with a pass/ no pass option, if this appeals to you then discuss it with your counselor. Last day to opt for P/NP is Feb 25.

Our cumulative FINAL is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 23, 2018 1 – 3:45 PM** in Pet. room 207. There are **NO “make-ups” for any exams or quizzes**, and the final must be taken to receive a passing grade. **(Please be sure to mark your calendar for May 23!)**

Dropping: If you decide to drop this course it is your responsibility to do so. Last day to drop without a “W” is February 4, 2018. Last day to drop with a “W” is April 22, 2018.

Groups: Please make some “homework dates” with your classmates, or at a minimum exchange phone numbers and/or e mail. Please be aware that a **minimum of 8-12 hours per week of homework/studying is your expected commitment outside of class.** Working with others can actually be more efficient, provided you stay focused, and certainly more fun. Grades are not based on a curve so help each other do well! It may be noted that if you can explain a concept to another you must first have a good grasp of the material and are therefore preparing yourself very well if you can describe and explain concepts to others.
Also be aware that although I encourage group work for class and homework, quizzes and exams are to be measures of your individual progress and must be done solo. (In other words cheating is not tolerated and will result in a score of zero, please don’t make me do this!)

Homework: Assignments will be collected at the end of the class period on the day they are due. Any late assignments will be LATE and lose 4 points per class meeting that they are late. Assignments are worth a

maximum of 12 points. Be sure to write your name and assignment number(s) on the outside of your folded homework assignment. (Papers in order, stapled, and folded lengthwise with your name on the top with the fold to the LEFT) All work must be in pencil (or points will be lost), include sufficient work to support your answer. Please draw a line between each problem. Also please use a separate sheet for the problem of the week. Only selected problems will be graded.

Classroom Etiquette:

Student Conduct: We will conduct ourselves in a manner which reflects our awareness of common standards of decency and the rights of others. All students are expected to know the Student Conduct Code (http://www.santarosa.edu/for_students/rules-regulations/scs/section1.shtml) and adhere to it in this class. Students who violate the code may be suspended for two class meetings and referred to Vice President of Student Services for discipline.

All cell phones **MUST** be turned off while in class. Absolutely NO texting is allowed!

All earphones must be removed while in class.

Be considerate of your classmates. Those who are disruptive will be asked to leave.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: 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 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 Jacobs Hall on the Petaluma 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 the library.
- _ Petaluma Campus's Tutorial Center in Kathleen Doyle Hall, 2nd Floor, Rm 247

This course is participating in SRJC's Peer Assisted Learning Specialist (PALS) Program. This program seeks to increase student knowledge and skills by fostering community and persistence in the classroom. PALS have the content knowledge and college know-how to help students succeed. They are SRJC students and/or community members who provide tutoring to students and instructional assistance. PALS will attend class, help with assignments, answer course questions, and provide assistance. They are also available to tutor and lead study sessions as needed.

