

Important Course Information and Policies

Math 112-34

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College Algebra Concepts and Applications

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Class meeting time: MWF 1-1:50
Location: Mod Lang 202

Office hours: Mondays: 11 AM - 12 PM
Wednesdays: 10 – 11 AM
Thursdays: 2 – 3 PM
and by appointment

FINAL EXAM: Monday, December 13, 2010
8:00-10:00 AM
Location To Be Announced

A Graduate Teaching Assistant will be helping with this section of College Algebra this semester. He will hold a weekly office hour to supplement the instructor's office hours. He will also participate in some class periods, teach several classes, grade selected homework/quizzes, write some exam questions and assist with grading one exam. Please use the TA's office hours for additional help with the course material. Any questions or concerns about the class itself, grading, and so forth, should be directed to the course instructor.

TA: Dylan Murphy
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TA Office Hour: Wednesdays: 2 -3 PM

Tutoring

The Think Tank provides free tutoring services and academic support. For more information about times and locations, see <http://www.studentaffairs.arizona.edu/thinktank/>

In addition to the Mathematics Department Course Policies for MATH 112 (see <http://math.arizona.edu/~algebra/math112.html>), the following policies apply to this section of MATH 112

Daily attendance is expected and will be recorded throughout the semester. Students who miss 3 days of class (total) during the semester may be administratively dropped from the course. Students who do not attend the first two days of class and have not contacted the instructor with a reasonable excuse for not being present in class will be administratively dropped from the course.

If you know in advance that you will be missing one or more classes during the semester (Dean's Excuse, court appearance, etc), speak with your instructor about when the homework may be accepted (it may be due before the planned absence).

Bring your MATH 112 Workbook and your graphing calculator to class every day. You may also wish to bring your textbook, but it is not required.

Cell phones, PDAs, MP3 players, computers, and other electronic devices must be turned off and stored out of sight for the duration of the class period.

Please come to class on time and come prepared to focus your full attention on the activities of the class. Please remain in your seat until the class ends.

Food and drinks (except a water bottle) are prohibited in classrooms by University policy.

Homework:

Learning mathematics requires practice and thinking about the ideas. Homework is therefore an important part of the learning process. Homework will be assigned regularly, collected, and selected problems graded.

Homework, unannounced in-class quizzes, and in-class assignments will be graded and scores combined for the “homework” portion of the total points that will determine final grades in the course.

Calculation Formula for Homework and quizzes:

$$\frac{\text{Your total points}}{\text{Total possible points for HW, quizzes, and in-class assignments}} * 150$$

[Note the maximum number of points you can earn for homework and quizzes is **150** points]

- There are two types of homework for this course: Written homework consisting of problems from the textbook and/or pages from your workbook, and online WebAssign homework that will be submitted and graded electronically. See instruction sheet for creating your WebAssign account.
- **LATE HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. No Exceptions**
- Written homework is due at the **BEGINNING OF THE CLASS**. Absence from class is not an excuse for late homework. Homework may be turned in before class at the Mathematics Building, Room 108. The office accepts homework between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.
- Several homework grades will be dropped for the calculation of final grades to allow for an occasional missed or incomplete assignment.
- Your Name and the Instructor’s name should be PRINTED on the first page of homework. Also, write the assignment (page numbers and problems assigned) on your homework paper.
- Use standard-size 8 ½ “ X 11” paper and remove all frayed or fringed edges. Use pencil.
- Multiple pages must be stapled together.
- Answers for each problem should be neatly written, in numerical order on your paper, with **all intermediate steps included and the problem number clearly marked**. Written explanations should be included whenever appropriate. Answers to application problems must be in complete sentences and include units. Graphs must be labeled, with the window clearly marked. **You need to show all work to earn full credit**. If you use your calculator to find an answer, a written explanation of the mathematics used to find the answer must be given. Leave enough space between problems for readability and instructor comments.
- **You will not be given credit for assignments or problems that are not easily readable.**
- Several problems will be selected from each hand-written assignment to be graded. Generally, not all of the problems will be graded. Two or three points will be awarded for following the homework policy requirements and completing the assignment. The rest of the points will be based on the mathematical accuracy and completeness of your answers/explanation on the graded problems.
- Please remember that **NO EXTRA CREDIT** or “do overs” is permitted
- **Most questions about homework problems are to be handled during your instructor's or TA's office hours and in the tutoring center.** On the class day **before** assignments are due, solutions to homework problems or to problems similar to those on the homework may be discussed in class. This usually involves one or two problems. Class time is devoted to the explanation of the current topic and to the solution of problems involved with this topic.
- Studying together and discussing assigned problems is permitted and encouraged. However, the paper turned in for grading must be your own work. Copying someone else’s work is a violation of the [Code of Academic Integrity](#). Such violations will be reported according to University policy and will result in serious penalties.
- In-class quizzes may be given at any time. Missed quizzes may not be made up. Several quiz scores will be dropped for the calculation of the homework/quiz portion of the final grade.