Los Angeles Community College District
Los Angeles Mission College

Syllabus Spring 2014

Course: Math 115: Elementary Algebra
Section: 0356
MW: 12:20 pm-2:50 pm, Room CMS 23

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Required Text: Beginning & intermediate Algebra, Custom Edition
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Important Dates: February 23, 2014: Last day to drop without a " W".
May 11, 2014: Last day to drop with " W ".
Final Exam: 6/09/2014 : 12:30pm 2:30pm

Attendance: It is important that you attend class. Regular attendance will be expected. You are expected to attend class punctually and are responsible for assigned course work. If you are have more than three absences, you may be dropped from your class on your fourth absence. However, it is not your instructor's responsibility to drop you. **It is your responsibility to drop if you decide not to finish the course**. If you do not drop and I do not exclude you, your name will be appeared on the grade roster at the end of the semester and there will be no choice but to assign a **F** grade. **So be sure to drop officially if you do not intend to finish the course**.

Zero Tolerance Cheating Policy – Mathematics: Cheating in this class is defined as knowingly or unknowingly participating in the submission of unoriginal work for any assignment, quiz, test. If it is determined that a student has cheated in this class, the instructor is required to fill out an Academic Dishonesty Report Form, and submit it to the Chair of Mathematics department who will forward the report to the VP of student services for disciplinary action which may include suspension or expulsion. In addition to sending the report, the instructor may take the following actions:

1) Assign a non-replaceable fail grade for the assignment, quiz, test even if doing so results in the impossibility of the student to pass the class.
2) Deduct an amount of points, as specified in the syllabus, from the student's overall total points for a Conduct Code Violation even if doing so results in the impossibility of the student to pass the class.
3) Dismiss the student for the remainder of the class session and/or the next class section.

Math 115 : Student Learning Outcomes

1. Simplify and evaluate various algebraic expressions.
2. Solve, graph and analyze various algebraic expressions and systems of equations, including utilizing them to solve application problems.

Read the textbook: The textbook provides a reasonable level of mathematical rigor and many exercises are quite reveling. I strongly encourage you to read the text carefully. The lectures are designed as a supplement to and not an alternative for the textbook. Students are expected to master all topics in the textbook unless otherwise indicated and regardless of whether they are mentioned in the lecture.

Homework: Homework will be assigned online. . Students are responsible to complete the assigned homework as each section is completed by using My Math Lab. Students need to buy an access code to use computer to finish homework. My course ID : ngo089416. Grace period is 14 days after which student needs to input/buy an access code otherwise can't access course content. The access code is also used for taking Common Final Test online. **It will be graded . Late Homework will not be accepted**. **Total scores for Homework is 50 points**.

Quizzes: There will be **6**(six) quizzes. **Each quiz is 10 points**. If you are absent and miss the quiz you will not be allowed to make it up. However, **the lowest quiz's score will be dropped**. **Total quizzes score is 50 points**.

Tests: There will be **5 (five)** tests during the semester and **one lowest test score will be dropped**. **No make up test for any reason**. **100 points for each test.**

Final: There will be a **common department final** exam. **This final is mandatory to pass this class**. The **final test score is 200 points**. A sample common final is available through My Math Lab or the Math Department Website: www.lamission.edu/math

Grading Scale: The following is the grading scale base on the maximum score of **700** points:

A: 630-700; **B**: 560- 629; **C**: 480- 559; **D**: 380- 489**;** **F**: 0- 379

Course Schedule

The following schedule should serve as a tool for preparing for each lecture, including dates for quiz, and tests. The instructor reserves the right to change the following schedule with prior notice.

M 2/10: Introduction. Chapter 1: 1.1- 1.4
W 2/12: Chapter 1: 1,5 -1.8
M 2/17: Holiday. No Class .
W 2/19: Chapter 2: 2.1- 2.5
M 2/24: Chapter 2: 2.6 – 2.8
W 2/26: Review Chapter 1 & 2**. Test # 1** (Ch 1 &2) **.**
M 3/03: Chapter 3: 3.1- 3.3
W 3/05: Chapter 3: 3.3- 3.5
M 3/10: Chapter 3: 3.6 . **Quiz # 1**
W 3/12: Chapter 4: 4.1 – 4.4
M 3/17: Chapter 4; 4.5 – 4.7. Chapter 5: 5.1
W 3/19: Review Chapter 3 & 4. **Test # 2** (Ch 3 & 4)
M 3/24: Chapter 5: 5.2 – 5.5
W 3/26: Chapter 5: 5.6. **Quiz # 2**
M 3/31: Holiday. No Class
W 4/02: Review Chapter 5. **Test # 3** (Ch 5).
M 4/07 & W 4/09 : Spring Break. No Class.
M 4/14: Chapter 6: 6.1- 6.3
W 4/16: Chapter 6: 6.4 – 6.6
M 4/21: Review Chapter 6. **Quiz # 3**
W 4/23: Chapter 7: 7.1 -7.3
M 4/28: Chapter 7. **Quiz # 4**
W 4/30: Review Ch 6 & 7**. Test # 4** (Ch 6 & 7) **.**
M 5/05: Chapter 8: 8.1 – 8.3
W 5/07: Chapter 8: 8.4 – 8.5 . **Quiz # 5**
M 5/12: Chapter 8: 8.5 – 8.6
W 5/14: Review Chapter 8 . **Quiz # 6**
M 5/19: Chapter 9 : 9.1 & 9.2
W 5/21: Review Chapter 8 & 9.
M 5/26: Holiday. No Class.
W 5/28: Test # 5 (Ch 8 & 9)
M 6/02: Review Final
M 6/09: Final Exam : 12:30 pm – 2:30pm