

# MATH 115, Elementary Algebra, Spring 2018

MW, 10:40A-1:10P, 5.00, CMS 127

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**Text:** *Beginning and Intermediate Algebra* (LAMC custom edition) by Elayn Martin-Gay

**Course description:** Explores the concepts of algebra, including signed numbers, exponents, linear equations, graphs, and quadratic equations. It also contains techniques for interpreting and solving verbal programs related to the above topics.

**Final Exam Date:** Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm

## **Student Learning Objectives:**

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

**Grading:** Exams – 40%, Final – 25%, Quizzes 15%, Homework – 15%, Participation (Problems and Group Work) – 5%

**Grading Scale:** Typically 88% earns the lowest A, 77% the lowest B, and 66% the lowest C, although I reserve the right to be more generous.

**Attendance:** Attendance is very important in the learning process. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to keep up with the material as noted on the schedule. Most of the time, attendance will be taken using a problem of the day. This problem will be worth three points and will be related to that day's lecture. You may use your book, notes, or whatever is on the board to solve the problem (but you must work on your own).

There are no make-ups for any in-class activities. Missing multiple class meetings may lead to you getting dropped from the class. However it is always your responsibility to be sure to drop or verify that they are dropped from the class should you stop attending. Do not assume I will drop you.

**Exams and Quizzes:** You will be given nine quizzes, four exams, and a comprehensive final exam on the dates noted on the course schedule. Your lowest exam score may be replaced by that of the final, if it is to your advantage. You may not use a calculator on any quizzes or exams. **You must show all of your work directly on the quiz or exam.** Any student that does not take the final exam will fail the course, regardless of his or her grade to that point.

Any student caught cheating on an exam will receive no points for that exam; this score will not be replaced by that of the final. Any form of academic dishonesty can be grounds for receiving a grade of F and possibly dismissal from the college. **STUDENTS ARE TO ADHERE TO THE CAMPUS POLICY ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AS OUTLINED IN THE CURRENT CATALOG.** You must take the final exam with the rest of the class at the scheduled time listed above. Make-up exams are only allowed if a student has a “verifiable documented emergency” (i.e. car accident, hospitalization, etc.)

## LRC and STEM Center Tutoring

As a student in this math class, you have been enrolled in free walk-in tutoring at the LRC and the STEM Center.

The STEM Center is located on the East Campus in CMS 121 and is open from 11:00am-7:00pm Monday through Thursday. For more information, call 818-364-7811 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/mathcenter>

The LRC is located on the main campus and is open from 9:00am-6:00pm Monday through Thursday and 10:00am-4:00pm on Friday. For more information, call 818-364-7754 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/learningcenter/>

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned online through MyMathLab (www.mymathlab.com). You will need both an access code and a course number to get into our course page. You will have a 14-day grace period before you must enter in your access code. Your textbook should have come with a MyMathLab access code. If it did not, you may purchase one online by following the prompts at mymathlab.com

**MyMathLab Course ID: yamada05506**

For more information on how to register and get started with your online homework, view the LAMC Online Homework webpage at <http://www.lamission.edu/math/onlineHW.aspx> or see the handout at the end of this syllabus.

Online assignments will be made available and be due at various times throughout the semester so be sure to regularly check the course page. These online assignments will form your homework score (as calculated and shown to you in MyMathLab).

**Cell phones and other electronic devices:** To avoid unnecessary interruptions in this class, all electronic devices must be turned off or on silent mode and kept out of sight. Students not following this policy may be asked to leave class and any scores for that day will be zero. No cell phones are allowed to be out of backpacks during exams or quizzes. Use of a cell phone in any form during an exam may result in a score of zero for that exam.

**Management of Stress and Mental Health:** If you or someone you know is in distress due the pressure of succeeding in school and contending with work, financial issues, relationships, managing time effectively, getting enough sleep, etc., please visit the Student Health Center (SHC). The SHC offers a broad range of confidential student services including counseling and mental health services. The SHC is located in the Bungalow just west of the Collaborative Studies Building. The SHC webpage is [www.lamission.edu/healthcenter](http://www.lamission.edu/healthcenter) and the phone number is 818-362-6182. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is 800-273-8255.

(The SHC is scheduled to move into its new location, between the President's Office and Administrative Services, during the Spring 2016 semester.)

**DSPS:** Students requesting academic accommodations should use the following procedure:

**Step 1:** Obtain documentation of your disability from a licensed professional. You may contact DSPS to request a Disability Verification Form.

**Step 2:** Make an appointment to meet with a DSPS Specialist to review your documentation and discuss reasonable accommodations. To schedule a meeting, please call DSPS at (818) 364-7732.

**Step 3:** Bring your disability documentation to your DSPS appointment. The DSPS office is located in room 1018 of the Instructional Building.

**Step 4:** Each semester, reach written accommodation agreement with the DSPS Specialist and your instructor.

To be most effective, students should complete this process by the end of the 3rd week of the semester. Tests with required accommodations must be taken at the DSPS office.

**Significant changes to the drop policy and class repetition are now in effect**

**Last day to drop without a W:** The last day to drop without getting a W is February 19<sup>th</sup> (online).

**Last day to drop (with a W):** The last day to drop is May 6<sup>th</sup> (but you will get a W).

**Class repetition:** Students are limited to three attempts at passing a course with a "C" or better. Any letter grade or "W" counts as an attempt. And this rule is retroactive. This means for example that if a student got a "W" and a "D" in Math 115 two years ago, he has one more chance to pass before he is prevented from enrolling in Math 115.

Math 115 MW Course Schedule		
Week	Monday	Wednesday
2/5 - 2/9	Intro Chater 1 Review	Chapter 1 Review
2/12 - 2/16	2.1, 2.2, 2.3 Quiz #1 (Chapter 1)	2.4, 2.5, 2.6
2/19 - 2/23	<b>HOLIDAY (no class)</b>	2.7, 2.8 Quiz #2 (Chapter 2.1 - 2.6)
2/26 - 3/2	<b>Exam #1 (Chapter 1 - 2)</b>	3.1, 3.2
3/5 - 3/9	3.3, 3.4	3.5 3.6 Quiz #3 (Chapter 3.1 - 3.4)
3/12 - 3/16	3.7, 4.1	4.2, 4.3 Quiz #4 (Chapter 3.5 - 3.7)
3/19 - 3/23	4.4, 4.5	Factoring Review Quiz #5 (Chapter 4.1 - 4.5)
3/26 - 3/30	4.6, 4.6	<b>Exam #2 (Chapter 3 - 4)</b>
4/2 - 4/6	<b>SPRING BREAK (no classes)</b>	
4/9 - 4/13	6.1, 6.2	6.3, 6.4
4/16 - 4/20	6.5, 6.6 Quiz #6 (Chapter 6.1 - 6.4)	6.7, 7.1
4/23 - 4/27	7.2, 7.3 Quiz #7 (Chapter 6.5 - 6.7)	7.4, 7.5
4/30 - 5/4	Chapter 7 Review Quiz #8 (Chapter 7)	<b>Exam #3 (Chapter 6 - 7)</b>
5/7 - 5/11	8.1, 8.2	8.3, 8.4
5/14 - 5/18	8.5, 8.6 Quiz #9 (Chapter 8.1 - 8.4)	8.7 Chapter 8 Review
5/21 - 5/25	<b>Exam #4 (Chapter 8)</b>	Final Exam Review
<b>FINAL EXAM: Wednesday, May 30th 10:00am-12:00pm (room TBA)</b>		

# Get Started

With Pearson's **MyMathLab**



## Get Access

### Bookstore

An Access Code is included in a package available for purchase at the bookstore. You will redeem the code during the registration process.

OR

### Online Purchase

Use a Credit Card or PayPal account to purchase instant access online during the registration process.

### What You Need:

- 1 Valid Email Address: One you access regularly
- 2 Course ID: \_\_\_\_\_



## Get Registered

- 1 Go to **[www.mymathlab.com](http://www.mymathlab.com)**, under the large **Register** section on the right side of the page, and click the **Student** link.
- 2 Next, enter the **Course ID** for your course (listed above).
- 3 After this, either **Create** a new Pearson username/password, or, if you've already registered for another Pearson product (i.e. MyStatLab), **Sign In** with that username/password.
- 4 On the next page, click the **Access Code** button if you purchased a package with an access code from the bookstore, OR purchase instant access now by clicking on the purchase options under the **Use a Credit Card or PayPal** section.
- 5 **Sign In.** You have now registered! Now, it's time to sign. To do this, go to **[www.mymathlab.com](http://www.mymathlab.com)** and click the **Sign In** button in the top right. Enter the username/password you either created or entered in Step 3.



## Get Your Computer Ready

View the system specifications for your computer and run the **Browser**

### Check:

[http://www.mymathlab.com/contactus\\_stu.html](http://www.mymathlab.com/contactus_stu.html)



## Get Help

Contact Pearson 24/7 Support:  
<http://247pearsoned.custhelp.com/>

Tips for a Great Learning Experience

- 1 Watch these Videos for help getting started with MyMathLab: <http://bit.ly/13I8yOw>
- 2 Review the MyMathLab Interactive Student User Guide: <http://bit.ly/1dY1wH9>
- 3 Stay in touch with us! Bookmark the Pearson Students Website: <http://pearsonstudents.com/>