

Los Angeles Valley Community College
Department of Mathematics
Math 115
Elementary Algebra
Spring 2016

Location: MS – 109

Section: 1390

Time: 06:40 – 07:50 a.m. MTWTH

Text: Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, By Steven Castillo, First Edition.

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Welcome to Math 115

Course Outline

Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in Math 110; or a grade of C or better in Math 112; or appropriate skill level demonstrated through the math placement process.

Homework

Homework is an essential aspect of the learning process and if one wants to do well in this course, then one must keep up and complete all homework assignments. Homework assignments will be collected and graded during each exam. Five homework's each worth 2%.

Online Homework:

• Homework will be assigned after each meeting. It is your responsibility to have the homework completed by the **due date**. Odd numbered problems similar to those in the textbook will be assigned. **Class Code, HOFC1FTR**

Quiz

There will be 6 quizzes given in the class each worth 2%. The dates of the quizzes will not be given out in advance.

Exams

Five exams will be given, along with a comprehensive final exam. The exams will take place during the lecture period. The lowest of the five grades will be dropped. **No make-up tests will be given. Final Exam is on June 6, 6:30 - 8:30 am.** I strongly recommend that you keep all your graded homework assignments, quizzes, and exams until you receive your course grade in case you have questions regarding your grade.

Electronic Device Policy

A scientific calculator is allowed for this course.
No programmable or graphing calculators will be allowed for exams.

Students with disabilities

If any student has a physical, learning or psychological disability and believes they may need accommodations in this class, please contact access as soon as possible to insure that such accommodations are provided. Authorization from access is required before any accommodation can be made.

Tutoring/E.S. Classes.

Tutoring is available at the Math Lab, located in the LARC building Room 226. The phone # is (818) 947-2863.

Curve

A: 90%-100%

B: 80%-89%

C: 70%-79%

D: 60%-69%

F: 0%-59%

Grading

HW: 10%

Quiz: 12%

Exam: each exam 12% for a total of 48%

Final exam: 30%

Student Learning Outcome.

Factor polynomial expressions.

Solve linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, and index 2 radical equations.

Solve a system of 2 linear equations in 2 variables.

Set up and solve various types of word problems.

Class Attendance

Class attendance is a must. Students must attend all the class sessions on time. We have a lot of material to cover and understand, so regular attendance is crucial to your success in the class. Please come on time and stay for the duration of the class. If you cannot attend regularly, on time, and stay for the entire class, you should take this class at another time that fits your schedule. Students arriving late or leaving early, without authorization from the instructor, may be marked tardy. Two recorded tardies will count as one absence. Excessive absences (8 or more) may result in being dropped from the class. If a student stops attending the class, then it is the student's responsibility to drop this course by filling out and submitting appropriate drop forms to the College Admission Office before the deadline for dropping courses. The instructor most certainly will give a course grade of "F" to a student who fails to do the aforementioned in a timely manner.

Cell Phone Policy

A student who engages in cell – phone activity within our classroom space will be excused from the entire day's proceedings, especially if there is an exam. "Cell – phone activity" includes talking, ringing, texting, reading, checking, use as a calculator, etc. Keep your ringer off, and keep your phone out of sight; it's one less distraction.

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism is the use of others' words and/or ideas without clearly acknowledging their source. When you incorporate those words and ideas into your own work, you must give credit where credit is due. Plagiarism, intentional or unintentional, is considered academic dishonesty and is not tolerated. Anyone found to be plagiarizing or cheating on exams will (1) receive a zero (fail) on the exam, and (2) be referred to the Vice President of Student Services or designee for further disciplinary action, following due process. For further information on plagiarism, go to the Writing Center website (<http://www.lavc.edu/writingcenter/handouts/plagiarism.html>) and refer to the STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION in the current Schedule of Classes and Catalog.

Student Dishonesty: Students who are in any way involved with cheating on an exam will be given a "0%" for the exam. A report will be filed with the Dean.

Financial Aid: Financial Aid is available! Call (818) 947-2412. Go to the Financial Aid Office in the new Student Services Center, first floor. For more info:
<http://www.lavc.edu/financialaid/index.html>

What is expected from you as a student.

It is essential that you always show up for lecture. Attendance is mandatory. It is recommended to read the section that is to be lectured on before you go to class. It is extremely important that one does not fall behind in course work, since mathematics is a cumulative subject. If you are having trouble with a concept immediately seek help, don't expect that you will be able to learn the subject the night before the final. Therefore, whenever you have a question, don't hesitate to ask. Talking about mathematics during the class is encouraged, yet having conversations during class with your classmates about anything else will not be tolerated. Be active while in the class. Take accurate, complete and exact notes. Come to class fully prepared.