

Los Angeles Valley Community College  
Department of Mathematics  
Math 125  
Intermediate Algebra  
Spring 2016

**Location:** B – 7  
**Section:** 1407  
**Time:** 08:15 – 09:25 a.m. MTWTH  
**Text:** Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, By Steven Castillo, First Edition.  
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**Welcome to Math 125**

**Course Outline**

Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in both Math 113 and 114; or a grade of C or better in Math 115; 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 7P5YNKKL**

**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 1, 8:00 - 10:00 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.

### **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.

### **Dropping a Class**

If you stop attending a class (or wish to drop a class) on or before May 10, 2015 for Spring Semester 2015, you must drop the class yourself – officially – over the Internet. Failure to do so may result in a grade of “F” in that class.

### **Electronic Device Policy**

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

### **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**

Homework: 10%

Quiz: 12%

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

Final exam: 30%

**Course Description:** This course reviews concepts learned in Math 115 and applies them to more complicated problems; also covers inequalities, absolute values, relations and functions, conic sections, exponential and logarithmic functions.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- **Students will be able to think analytically and read critically to solve intermediate algebra level mathematical problems..**

### **Cell Phone Policy**

A student who engages in cell – phone activity within our classroom space will 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.**

**Special Services blurbs:** If you are a student with a disability requiring classroom accommodations, and have not contacted SSD, do so in a timely manner. SSD is located in the Student Services Annex, Room 175 or call SSD at (818) 947 - 2681 or TTD (818) 947 - 2680 to meet with a SSD counselor. If SSD has already sent the memo to instructor confirming accommodations required by student for this class, please meet with me to discuss arrangement.

**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>

**Effective summer 2012, students will only have 3 attempts to pass a class.** If a student gets a "W" or grade of "D", "F", or "NP", in a class, that will count as an attempt. If a student drops a class by the "Drop Classes without a W" date early in the semester, it is not counted against the three (3) attempts that a student has to pass the class.

Example: Students will not be allowed to register for any course at any college within the LACCD in Summer 2012 if there are already three recorded attempts for that course in any combination of W, D, F, or NP grades.

*The instructor has the prerogative to amend this syllabus at any time during the semester.*

*(tentative schedule is attached)*