

Los Angeles Valley College
Spring 2016 (February 8 – June 6)
Mathematics 114 (Section #1389) Room #EST108
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:40am – 11:05am

Instructor: Susan J. Vo
Office hours: TTh 12:50 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. in MS104A or by appointment
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Office number: (818) 947-2391
Required Text: Elementary Algebra (8th Edition) bundled with MyMathLab by Allen R. Angel
Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in Mathematics 113
Calculator: Basic non-programmable and non-graphing scientific calculator.
Calculator features on cell phones are NOT ALLOWED for quizzes/tests/exams.

Catalog Course Description: The second half of Math 115. The course reviews factoring, and covers rational expressions, introduction to graphing linear equations in two variables, solving systems of linear equations, roots and index 2 radicals, and methods of solving quadratic equations. Math 113 and 114 together are equivalent to Math 115. Credit is allowed in only one of Math 115 or the Math 113/114 combination. Concurrent enrollment in Math 113 and 114 is not permitted.

Course Level Student Learning Outcome: Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to think analytically at a level appropriate to elementary algebra and read critically to solve elementary algebra level mathematical problems.

Points Possible for the Semester

MyMathLab (MML) Homework (100%) See later notes

Course ID vo41167

Three tests (100% each) Refer to Teaching Schedule

There is no make-up for exams. All missed tests will receive a zero score. However, the score you receive in the final exam may be used to replace the lowest test score on an equivalent basis.

Final Exam (200%) Tuesday, May 31, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ← NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!

The final exam is an accumulation of all the review sheets and tests throughout the semester so it is imperative that you learn from the mistakes that you made by reviewing the graded tests carefully and comparing your work with the answer keys posted in MML under Document Sharing within Course Tools.

Computation of Grades:

At the end of the semester, the scores from the three in-class tests, MyMathLab online homework average and the final exam score will be added. The total will be used to determine the final grade for the class. The chart below shows the point ranges for grade assignments based on **a total of 600 percentage points:**

A	At or above 540 points	D	360 points – 419 points
B	480 points – 539 points	F	At or below 359 points
C	420 points – 479 points		

TWO SITES TO FAMILIARIZE FOR THIS CLASS:

- 1) **LAVC Email** at <https://student.laccd.edu/sso/> for class announcements, updates or to email me. To ensure delivery, you are advised to use the campus email server.

Remember to check your LAVC email account every day for any announcements!! You can access your LAVC email account using your full LAVC student ID as the login and 4-digit (MMYY) password.

- 2) **MyMathLab** at <http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/> to do online homework, watch lecture videos and to access the document storage site for syllabus, teaching schedule, worksheets, answer keys, test reviews and test keys.

To register for Spring 2016 Math 114 #1389:

1. Go to pearsonmylabandmastering.com.
2. Under Register, click **Student**.
3. Confirm you have the information needed, then select **OK! Register now**.
4. Enter your instructor's course ID: vo41167, and **Continue**.
5. Sign in with an existing Pearson account **or** create an account:
 - If you have used a Pearson website (for example, MyITLab, Mastering, MyMathLab, or MyPsychLab), enter your Pearson username and password. Click **Sign In**.
 - If you do not have a Pearson account, select **Create** and complete the required fields. Write down your new Pearson username and password to help you remember them.
6. Select an option to access your instructor's online course:
 - Use the access code that came with your textbook or that you purchased separately from the bookstore.
 - Buy access using a credit card or PayPal.
 - Get 14 days of temporary access. (Look for a link near the bottom of the page.)
7. Click **Go To Your Course** on the Confirmation page. On the My Courses page, select the course title **Spring 2016 Math 114 #1389** to start your work.

To do homework: Click on **Homework tab** on the left menu

To watch lectures: Go to **Media Library** and select **chapter, section, video lectures**
Then click **"Find Now"**. Click on the **lecture video link**.

To access documents: Go to **Course Tools** and click on **"Document Sharing"**.

MML homework & study guide:

It is your responsibility to make time to finish all corresponding MML assessments as the topics are being taught in class before the deadline set. You have three attempts to each problem to get the correct answer but you have unlimited requests for similar exercise to each problem. So it is possible to get 100% in every MML assignment. You are advised to keep a MML journal with a hand copy of all the difficult problems, especially the ones that you need multiple attempts and requests to get them right! Alternatively, you can print out the questions and have them worked out in the space provided. These printouts or the journal will allow you to review for exams and the final, and enable you to go to the math tutoring lab in LARC226 for help.

Note that you can always review the completed assignments online, although you will no longer be able to improve your score for that assignment if it is past the deadline.

Attendance:

You must come to class on time, be in class throughout each meeting and participate in the discussions. **For every lesson you miss, make sure to email me at vosh@lavc.edu with a reason for your absence or it will be counted as an unexcused absence.** You will also have to study the sections on your own and use MML as a study guide to help you understand the material. You are always welcome to see me during my office hours if you have any questions and doubts, and visit the math tutoring lab in LARC 226 for additional assistance.

Note that attendance will be taken during every meeting in the semester. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the college, students who miss the first lesson will be dropped from the class as “no show”. **Whenever unexcused absences in hours exceed the number of hours the class meets per week, students may be excluded from the class due to insufficient attendance maintained.**

Withdrawal from Class:

Please be advised that after the census week, it is solely the responsibility of the students to drop themselves. Failure to do so may result in a grade of “F” in the class. If you stop attending the class (or wish to drop the class), you must drop yourself officially, through the Office of Admissions and Records, in person or by Internet.

February 21 is the last day to drop the class without receiving a “W” by Internet and May 8 is the last day to drop the class with a “W” by Internet.

Office hour visits: You are always welcome to see me during my office hours if you have any questions and doubts. The hours (& locations) are listed on the first page and my office location is in MS104A, in the math science building.

SSD Students: 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 the instructor confirming accommodations required by student for this class, please meet with me to discuss the necessary arrangements.

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

Plagiarism and Student Conduct:

All cell phones should always be **turned off or set to silent** in class. You are expected to demonstrate respect and consideration towards your peers and instructor. **Students who use the cell phone or students who persist in talking during the lecture may be removed from the class for that day.**

“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 assignments (e.g., copying or giving answers, using ‘crib’ sheets, etc.) will (1) receive a zero (fail) on the assignment, and (2) be referred to the Vice President of Student Services 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.

Math 114 (#1389) TEACHING SCHEDULE Spring 2016 (TTh 09:40-11:05)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Notes	WEEK			
8-Feb	9 Orientation	10	11 5.1, 5.2		1			
15 President's Day campus closed	16 5.3, 5.4	17	18 5.5 and Review on Factoring	February 21 is the last day to drop classes without receiving a "W"	2			
22	23 6.1, 6.2	24	25 6.2, 6.3		3			
29	1-Mar 6.4, 6.5	2	3 6.6, 6.7		4			
7	8 6.7	9	10 Catch Up / Review		5			
14	15 Test 1 Factoring & Ch 6	16	17 7.1, 7.2		6			
21	22 7.3	23	24 7.4		7			
28	29 8.1, 8.2	30	31 Cesar Chavez Day campus closed		8			
4-Apr	5	6	7	2016 Spring Break in LAVC: April 1 - April 8				9
11	12 8.3, 8.4	13	14 8.4		10			
18	19 Catch Up / Review	20	21 Test 2 Ch 7 & 8		11			
25	26 9.1, 9.2	27	28 9.3		12			
2-May	3 9.4	4	5 9.5, 9.6	May 8 is the last day to drop classes with a "W"	13			
9	10 10.1, 10.2	11	12 10.2, 10.3		14			
16	17 10.4	18	19 Catch Up / Review		15			
23	24 Test 4 Ch 9 & 10	25	26 Final Review		16			
30 Memorial Day campus closed	31 114 Final Exam 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	1-Jun	2	<-- NOTE TIME CHANGE				17
May 31 - June 6, 2016 LAVC Final Examinations								