COURSE SYLLABUS
MAT 1033 Ref. no. 360979 Intermediate Algebra September 2006

Location: MDCC-NC, Rm.1106 Hours: sS 9:55-11:10

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Digital Video Companion CD

Prerequisite: MAT 0020, MAT 0024 or a prescribed score on the Algebra Placement Test.

Course Objective:

This course prepares the student for the successful study of College Algebra

Hawkins' Policy on Academic Dishonesty

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR MDCC HONOR CODE VIOLATIONS!
Any student caught cheating will receive an F for the course and will be subject to possible further MDCC penalties. See MDCC student handbook.

Course Materials Needed

1. Course Notebook required, containing all homework (50%), class lectures and discussion (25%), quizzes (20%), and exam corrections (5%). Quizzes may be given at any time in class and will consist of even numbered problems selected from the course text illustrating the day's assigned material and lecture. These quizzes will be graded with either (√ = correct) or (x= incorrect) as the student leaves the class. The notebook will be graded four times (during each of the four exams) The average of the four notebook grades (up to 10 points) will be added to each of the three best pre-final exams in the Final Grade Average.
3. Time to work on the material each and every day! Successful completion of this class is highly correlated to the analytic, computational, and problem-solving skills developed by actual problem solution using proper (long term memory inducing) study techniques. Cramming for this course is ill advised: 14 hours on a Friday won't make up for not looking at the material throughout the week. You
need to plan on spending one or two hours every day on this material, reviewing
the old ideas, working with the new problems.

Homework Assignments: At the beginning of each chapter, selected problems
will be assigned from the above sections of the syllabus.

Grading Methodology

After each exam redo your entire exam at home, and then return to our next
class with your computation of how many correct answers you produced on your
original exam. A Test Correction Bonus (TCB) of up to 10 points will be added as
extra credit to your exam if the final class exam average is <70. Your TCB is 10
points if your grading (total number correct) of your own exam exactly matches
the actual grade (total number correct). Your TCB is reduced by one point for
each point that the two totals differ.

In order to monitor the progress of the students and to give a numerical
evaluation of their performance, letter grades are assigned at the end of the term
according to the following weighted averages: Test Correction Bonus worth up
to 10 points added to each exam Notebook Bonus worth up to 10 points added
to each exam. Four Exams each exam worth (including bonuses) up to 100
points. Cumulative Final Exam worth up to 100 points.

FINAL GRADE AVERAGE = [2*Final + Three Best Pre-final Exams])/5

Grade average and Final course grade:

100 > A ≥ 90 > B ≥ 80 > C ≥ 70 > D ≥ 60 > F ≥ 00

The Instructor reserves the right to curve a student’s course grade distribution to
reflect significant student progress, end-of-course achievement, and total course
mastery as demonstrated by exceptional achievement on the Final Exam, by
replacing the lowest pre-final exam with the final exam score in the FINAL
GRADE AVERAGE.

Special Needs Students: Please see me personally and/or contact the MDCC
Office for Student Services.

Missed Exam Policy: No Makeup Exams will be given. Final Exam score
replaces first missed exam.

Withdrawal, change to audit Date:
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