

MATH 112-026 College Algebra

MWF 9-9:50 AM, Modern Languages Rm. 304

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ATTENDANCE POLICY: Students who do not show up for the first two class lectures, and do not contact me about it, may be administratively dropped. Students that miss more than three days throughout the semester may be administratively dropped. Attendance will be taken periodically throughout the semester, though not every lecture. Attendance is an important part in following along with the curriculum, and also to be informed of class updates.

HOMEWORK/QUIZ/GRADING POLICY: Homework will consist of two components, one part written homework to be submitted in class, and the other part through Webassign. These assignments will account for 150 total points throughout the semester (this is as much as the midterm!). An emphasis on the grade will be on handwritten homework. Written and electronic homework will be assigned on a regular basis, announced both in-class and available on the course website. Webassign homework can be found at www.webassign.net.

To sign up for the class online, go to the Webassign homepage, and click “I Have a Class Key” on the right side. In the boxes, enter the following: **arizona 3587 0904**. This is the code for this class section. Webassign does require a small fee, but it has a free trial period (about two weeks), so do not feel obligated to pay for it right away.

Written homework is expected to be turned in within the beginning of class on the due date. **Late homework will not be accepted.** The written homework will normally consist of 7-10 problems. Each homework will be out of 10 points. Not all problems will be graded. Instead, 5 selected problems will be graded and awarded up to 2 points each. **Homework is expected to be complete, showing all work,** not just giving the answer or saying “I did it on my calculator”. Homework is expected to be legible, organized, and easy to follow. Multiple pages must be stapled. Write your name, section number, and assignment number on the top of each page.

Webassign homework is due on the deadline posted on the Webassign website. If there is a question regarding a Webassign problem, write out the problem or bring a

print-out to Office Hours. Different students may obtain different problem sets for the same section in the textbook.

Students are encouraged to work with each other on homework; however, each student must turn in their own written assignment and submit their own Webassign problems.

Additionally, quizzes may be periodically given throughout the semester to gauge understanding of a particular topic. Quizzes will be weighed the same as a homework assignment (10 points each). There will be **no make-up quizzes** in the event of an absence, whether excused or not. To compensate, **a few of the lowest homework/quiz scores will be dropped at the end of the semester**. This includes Webassign homeworks. Of course, students are encouraged to complete every assignment.

CONDUCT/ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY: Students are expected to be familiar with and adhere to the student conduct codes set by the University of Arizona.

The code of academic integrity- regarding cheating, plagiarism and the like- can be found at <http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/codeofacademicintegrity>.

The student code of conduct regarding other classroom behaviors can be found at <http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policiesandcodes/studentcodeofconduct>.

EXAM POLICY: There will be four exams during the semester, three in-class tests and the common midterm on March 4th. Each in-class exam will be worth 100 points. The common midterm will be worth 150 points. Make up in-class exams will only be given to those with excused absences and contact the instructor about making up the exam before the tests are returned.

FINAL GRADE POLICY: Final grades are assigned on a 10-point scale (90 = A, 80 = B, etc.). There are **no opportunities for homework redo's or auxiliary extra credit assignments**. Instead, as mentioned before, a few of the lowest homework/quiz scores will be dropped.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, please meet with me so that we can discuss ways to ensure your full participation in the course. If you determine that disability-related accommodations are necessary, please register with Disability Resources (621-3268; <http://drc.arizona.edu>) and notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. We can then plan how best to coordinate your accommodations.