

# Preparation for Algebra - Math 70 Section 1

Monday-Friday 8:30-9:20

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**Office hours:**

(Feel free to e-mail or talk with me if you would like to meet at a time other than during my office hours or have any questions or concerns. When e-mailing, include the word "Math" in the title.)

**Office:** 5311

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**Text:** *Beginning Algebra*, (Custom Edition for SCC) by Tobey & Slater (ISBN #0558386083)

**Materials:** You will need paper for homework assignments, a notebook for in-class notes, pencil, eraser, and a folder to hold graded assignments. We will not be using calculators in class. Please do homework **without a calculator** unless otherwise indicated.

**Prerequisites:** Math 060 (2.0 or better) or a score of 35 or higher on the Pre-Algebra COMPASS tests

**Core topics:** Simplifying algebraic expressions; solving linear equations; addition, subtraction, multiplication of polynomials; introduction to graphing

**Lectures:** Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 9:20 in room 2912. (No classes on November 11th, 25th, and 26th.) There is a lot of material in this course, so every class period is important. If you miss class, you are responsible for all missed material, assignments, and announcements. The website is a good resource for some of this information. If you know you need to miss class, e-mail me ahead of time so that you can keep up with our schedule. In addition to attending lectures, you will probably need to spend **1-2 hours** on math homework, reading, and studying **each night**.

**Homework:** Homework will be **collected daily** with some exceptions. I will post the homework on the course website and will announce the homework (or any changes) in class. Homework will be graded based on completion and will be worth 2 points. To **check** selected answers, you should look at the solutions in the back or your book. The 10 lowest homework grades will be dropped in final grade calculations. Late homework will not be accepted. Your first assignment is due Friday, Sept. 24th.

In order to receive credit for each assignment, it must be **complete, on-time**, and meet the following criteria:

\***Problem-solving steps must be shown clearly** for all problems.

\*It must be on standard-size (8" × 11") paper with no fringed edges.

\*Pages must be stapled in order if there is more than one page.

\*Answers to word problems must be in complete sentences.

\*Graphs must be drawn with a straight edge and axes must be labeled and scaled.

**Quizzes:** There will be a **weekly quiz** based on the material covered in the homework on Tuesdays. Quizzes will be graded out of 15 points. I will drop two of the lowest quiz scores for each student in final grade calculations.

**Exams:** There will be two midterm exams and one final exam. The dates of the exams are as follows:

Exam 1: Friday, October 22nd

Final: Thursday, December 9th, 7:30 am - 9:20 am

Exam 2: Friday, November 19th

- You may submit corrections for the midterm exams for extra points added to your exam score (not to exceed a final score of 100% on each exam). **Corrections must be submitted on a separate paper along with the original exam.** The number of extra points possible is as follows:
  - Original score of 90% or above → up to 3 extra points possible
  - 80%-89% → up to 4 extra points possible
  - Below 79% → up to 5 extra points possible

**Grading:** Your overall grade will be made up of the following:

Homework $\approx$ 11%	Quizzes $\approx$ 23%
Midterm Exams $\approx$ 20% each	Final Exam $\approx$ 26%

- Final grades range from 0 to 4.0. To obtain a 4.0, the overall grade percentage must be 95% or above. Percentages ranging from 85% to 94% will result in a course grade from 3.0 to 3.9. Percentages ranging from 75% to 84% will result in a course grade from 2.0 to 2.9. Percentages ranging from 65% to 74% will result in a course grade from 1.0 to 1.9.
- Students may opt for a P/NC (Pass/No Credit) grading option. A form to request this option is located on the course website and must be submitted by the beginning of the final exam.
- The last day to withdraw from the course with a “W” grade or to switch to Audit is November 3rd.

### Other Class Policies:

- Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class.
- Disruptive behaviors, such as excessive talking, will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from class.
- Any behaviors that may be interpreted as cheating will result in a zero grade for the corresponding assignment or test. A second instance of cheating will result in a course grade of 0.0.

### Resources:

- The Math Learning Center in the 2200 building (rooms 2201-2204) is open to students in Math 70. I strongly encourage/recommend for you to work with other students in the class. The MLC is an ideal place to do this. The center is staffed by learning assistants eager to help with any math-related questions that you may have.  
MLC Schedule: Monday-Thursday 8 am - 6:30 pm, Friday 8 am - 3 pm, Sunday 2 - 6 pm
- Students with physical or learning disabilities have a right to services and accommodations which will allow them to successfully compete on an equal basis with non-disabled students. To receive accommodations and services, students must request them each quarter they are needed. Requests can be made to the coordinator of services for students (546-4545, TTY:546-4520) with disabilities in the Foss building (5226).

This syllabus is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class and an updated syllabus will be posted on the course website.