

# Preparation for Algebra - Math 70 Section 1

Monday-Friday 8:30-9:20

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**Office hours:** Mon/Tues/Weds/Fri 11 am-12 pm      **MLC Office Hours:** Thurs 10:30 am -12 pm  
(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.

**Prerequisites:** Math 060 (2.0 or better) or 35 or higher on the Pre-Algebra COMPASS test

**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 2206. (No classes on January 17th and February 21st.) 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. In order to receive credit for each assignment, it must be **complete, on-time**, and problem-solving steps must be shown clearly for all problems. To **check** selected answers, you should look at the solutions in the back of 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 Wednesday, Jan. 5th.

**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 the lowest quiz score for each student in final grade calculations and each student will be able to retake one quiz. In order to do so, the student must contact me to arrange a time and place for the retake.

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

Exam 1: Friday, January 28th

Final: Wednesday, March 16th, 7:30 am - 9:20 am

Exam 2: Friday, February 25th

- 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). The number of extra points possible depends on your original grade on the exam.

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

Homework $\approx$ 11.5%	Quizzes $\approx$ 23.5%
Midterm Exams $\approx$ 20% each	Final Exam $\approx$ 25%

- 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 February 15th.

### **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 for all involved parties. A second instance of cheating will result in a course grade of 0.0.
- If the campus is closed due to snow or another emergency, when class resumes, we will start where we left off. So, if an exam was scheduled for the day that classes are cancelled, that exam will take place the first day back at school. School closings will be posted on KIRO radio or on [www.shoreline.edu](http://www.shoreline.edu). If classes are cancelled for more than one day, look at our class website or call my office number to find out if there are any assigned readings and work from me.

### **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.