**ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA**  -  **MATD 0370**

**Fall 2006**
MW 11:00am to 12:40pm        RVS G9111  Syn/Sec 41962/116
MW 5:15pm to 6:55pm          RVS G9135  Syn/Sec 41877/013

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**Note:** my last name is spelled with two t’s. However, my email address and website have only one t at the end. Do not put two t’s on your email to me or I will not get it.

**Course Description and Rationale**
Welcome to **Elementary Algebra (MATD 0370)**. As with all developmental math courses, Elementary Algebra is designed to provide you with the mathematical foundation and personal confidence to enable you to use mathematics in your future life. This course is designed to prepare you for MATD 0390 (Intermediate Algebra) and the algebra-based courses which follow it. It also offers you one way to prepare for MATH 1332 (College Mathematics, formerly Topics in Mathematics) and MATH 1342 (Elementary Statistics) and MATH 1333 (Mathematics for Measurement) after you have passed the math portion of the state-approved test.

Elementary Algebra is designed to develop the skills and understanding contained in the first year of secondary school algebra. Topics include review of operations on real numbers, graphing linear equations, variation, solving linear and quadratic equations, solving systems of linear equations, polynomials, factoring, and applications.

*Additional information about ACC's mathematics curriculum and faculty is available on the Internet at http://www.austincc.edu/math/*

**Required Text(s)/Materials**


You can access the material from the first two weeks online at http://www.austincc.edu/mthdept2/text/
The password is:  acc0370.

**Supplemental Required Materials:** Scientific calculator, rectangular coordinate graph paper
**Optional:** Shrink-Wrapped Bundle with Text and MyMathLab software access (see below for more information about MyMathLab)

**THE SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE THING YOU CAN DO TO INSURE YOUR SUCCESS IS TO KEEP UP WITH THE COURSE**

Come to class, do all of the homework on time, and read the book both before and after class.
TSI Warning - Texas Success Initiative (TSI) – formerly TASP
If you are relying on this course to meet a requirement that you be in mandatory remediation in mathematics this semester*, then:
   i) if you are not “continually in attendance” in this course, you should be withdrawn from the course by your instructor,
   ii) if you withdraw yourself from this course or are withdrawn by your instructor, you will be automatically withdrawn from all of your other college courses if this is the only TSI-mandated course you are taking.

*If you are unsure whether or not this warning applies to you, see an ACC advisor immediately.

Attendance
Attendance is required in this course. Students who miss more than 3 classes may be withdrawn. You are responsible for the material covered and any assignments that are due for the class period you miss. See also the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Warning above.

Prerequisite
C or better in Basic Math Skills (MATD 0330), or its equivalent knowledge, or a passing score on the MATD 0370 placement test. **Additional information about ACC's mathematics curriculum and faculty is available on the Internet at http://www.austincc.edu/math/.

Grading

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In-Progress Grade: If a student is regularly attending, doing all assigned work but is still not earning a grade of C or higher, the student may be eligible for the IP (in progress) grade. In order to earn an "IP" grade the student must remain in the course, be making progress in the material, and not have excessive absences. Students who receive an IP grade are expected to register and pay for the course again in the following semester. Students who make a grade of IP should not go on to the next course. A maximum of 2 IP grades can be awarded in any one course.

Incomplete grades (I) are given only in very rare circumstances. Generally, to qualify for an 'I', a student must have taken all exams and assignments, have a passing grade, and have a personal situation occur that prevents course completion after the last day to withdraw.

Tests
You will have 4 regular chapter tests. Each test will count as 15% of your overall grade. The 4 regular tests will be placed in the Riverside Testing Center. The test dates will be announced in class about one week before the test begins and you will have 5 days to take the test. You may take the test anytime the testing center is open. NO MAKEUP TESTS WILL BE GIVEN. Please make sure you understand the testing center hours and procedures. For testing center information, visit the testing center, see me, or look on the web at http://www.austincc.edu/testctr.
The final exam will be a departmental comprehensive exam and is given in class on the last day of class. In order to pass the class, you must take the final exam. The final exam will count as 20% of your overall grade.
Homework/Quizzes
Homework will be assigned every class period and will be collected the following class period. **NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.** This means that if you are absent from class, you will need to make arrangements to have someone else bring your homework to class or put it in my mailbox by the time the class period ends. I will answer some questions about the homework in class so keep a list of your questions about the homework and bring them to class. One some days, you may have announced or unannounced quizzes. You must show your work on homework and quizzes in order to receive credit. **No makeup quizzes will be given.** You must attend class to take the quizzes. The average of your homework and quiz grades will count as 20% of your overall grade.

Withdrawals
If you decide not to complete this course, you are responsible for filling out the necessary paperwork at the Admissions Office. **Please do not forget to fill out the paperwork.** I may withdraw students for excessive absences (4) but I make no commitment to do this. After the withdrawal date, neither the student nor the instructor may initiate a withdrawal. The last day to withdraw from any 16 week course this semester is **Monday, November 27, 2006.**

Reinstatement policy: Students who withdraw or are withdrawn generally will not be reinstated unless they have completed all course work, projects, and tests necessary to place them at the same level of course completion as the rest of the class. After the last day to withdraw, neither the instructor nor the student may initiate reinstatement into the course.

Student Discipline Policy
Classroom behavior should support and enhance learning. Behavior that disrupts the learning process will be dealt with appropriately, which may include having the student leave class for the rest of that day. In serious cases, disruptive behavior may lead to a student being withdrawn from the class. ACC's policy on student discipline can be found in the Student Handbook on page 32 or on the web at http://www.austincc.edu/handbook

Course-Specific Support Services
- **Learning Lab:** ACC main campuses have Learning Labs that offer free tutoring (first-come first-serve) in mathematics courses. The locations, contact information, and hours of availability of the Learning Labs are available from http://www.austincc.edu/tutor. Software and videotapes to support this particular text are available in the Learning Labs. Students who need regular tutoring are encouraged to use the Learning Labs before they get very far behind.

- **Software:** MyMathLab is an optional interactive online course that accompanies the text. You may purchase access to MyMathLab online from AddisonWesley for $44.95 at: www.mymathlab.com/buying.html

  MyMathLab includes:
  - Online access to all pages of the textbook
  - Multimedia learning aids (videos & animations) for select examples and exercises in the text
  - Practice tests and quizzes linked to sections of the textbook
  - Personalized study guide based on performance on practice tests and quizzes

  Visit www.mymathlab.com for more information. To use MyMathLab, you'll need:
  - Course ID*: **ID acc92783**
  - Student access number: provided with purchase of MyMathLab access.

- **Videotapes:** These are available for viewing in the LRS and are recommended for students who miss class.

You have already paid for most of these services with your tuition and fees so there is NO ADDITIONAL COST for you to use them. I strongly encourage you to make use of at least one of these services.