**ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA - MATD 0370**

SPRING 2010
MW 5:15pm - 6:55pm ~ RVS G9114 ~ Syn/Sec 06011/014
MW 7:05pm - 8:45pm ~ RVS G9136 ~ Syn/Sec 06049/056

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**Riverside Learning Lab Hours:** MW 11:30 am - 4:00 pm, T 11:30 am - 5:00 pm, **Phone:** 223-6037

**South Austin Learning Lab Hours:** Th 11:30 am - 5:00 pm, **Phone:** 223-9243

**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 may also provide you with sufficient preparation to be able to pass the math portion of a state-approved test like THEA or TCOMP. It also offers you one way to prepare for MATH 1332 (College Mathematics) and MATH 1342 (Elementary Statistics) and MATH 1333 (Math 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. This course is taught in the classroom as a lecture/discussion course.

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

♦ **Prerequisite**

C or better in Basic Math Skills (MATD 0330), or its equivalent knowledge, or a passing score on the MATD 0370 placement test.

♦ **Attendance**

**Attendance is required in this course.** Students who miss more than four (4) classes may be withdrawn. The student is solely responsible for the material covered, new assignments, and any assignments that are due for the class period(s) missed. See also the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Warning below.

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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.
**Required Text(s)/Materials**

**IMPORTANT TEXTBOOK INFORMATION**: This class will **require the use of MyMathLab** software for homework assignments. When purchasing your textbook and materials for this class, please be sure to purchase something that includes MyMathLab. Your options are:

- A new book purchased from an ACC bookstore, either hard-bound or loose-leaf 3-hole, includes a MyMathLab access code. The cost is around $104 for loose-leaf and $150 for hard-bound. Keep in mind that the loose-leaf textbook cannot be sold back to the bookstore.
- You may instead choose to purchase MyMathLab access as a stand-alone product. This software includes access to an electronic form of the textbook, but does not include a physical book. Access codes can be purchased from an ACC bookstore or online when registering. The cost is around $70. Access codes cannot be sold back to the bookstore or transferred to another student.

Most used textbooks **do not** include valid MyMathLab access codes. You may purchase them separately. However, a used book and MyMathLab purchased separately usually costs more than a new book bundled with MyMathLab.


Before you buy your book, you can access the first two chapters from the textbook online at http://www.austincc.edu/mthdept2/text/; password acc0370

**Supplemental Required Materials**: Scientific calculator, rectangular coordinate graph paper

**Optional Supplements**: (See handout for more information about MyMathLab)

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**In-Progress grades** (IP) are also rarely given. If a student is regularly attending, doing all assigned work and making progress in the material, but is still not meeting the standards set to earn the grade of C or better in the course, 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, 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.
Tests
You will have 4 regular tests. The 4 regular tests will be placed in the Riverside Testing Center on the dates announced and must be completed by the stated deadline. **NO MAKEUP TESTS WILL BE GIVEN.** Please make sure you understand the testing center hours and procedures. For testing center information, please refer to the testing center handout, visit the testing center, or look on the web at http://www.austincc.edu/testctr.

The final exam is a departmental comprehensive exam and will be given in class on the last day of class (**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010**). In order to pass the class, you **must** take the final exam.

Homework and Quizzes
Online homework in MyMathLab will be assigned every class period and will be due at 5:00pm the following Monday. Please note that the software will not allow access after the deadline. Other written homework will be collected at the beginning of class on the due date. **NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON.** On some days, you may have announced or unannounced quizzes. You must attend class to take the quizzes. **NO MAKEUP QUIZZES WILL BE GIVEN.**

If you are absent from class, you will need to make arrangements to have someone else bring your homework or take-home quiz to class or put it in my mailbox by the time the class period starts. I will answer some questions about the homework in class so keep a list of your questions about the homework and bring it to class.

You **must show your work** on all written tests, homework, and quizzes in order to receive credit.

TSI Warning – for students who are not TSI complete
Students who are not TSI complete in math are not allowed to enroll in any course with a math skill requirement.

All students are required to be "continually in attendance" in order to remain enrolled in this course. If this is the only developmental class you are enrolled in, and you withdraw yourself from this course or are withdrawn by your instructor, then:
  a) You may be withdrawn from courses that you should not be enrolled in, such as any class with a math skill requirement.
  b) You will have a hold placed on your registration for the following semester. The Hold will require that you register for the next semester in person with an advisor or counselor and that you work with the Developmental Math Advisor during that semester.
  c) You will continue to face more serious consequences, up to being restricted to only registering for developmental courses, until you complete the required developmental math course or satisfy the TSI requirement in another way.

More information can be found at http://www.austincc.edu/math/tsiwarning.htm.

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

Importance of Completing Developmental Course Requirements
The first steps to achieving any college academic goal are completing developmental course requirements and TSI requirements. The first priority for students who are required to take developmental courses must be the developmental courses. TSI rules state that students are allowed to take college credit courses, if they are fulfilling their developmental requirements. Because successful completion of developmental courses is so important, ACC will intervene with any student who is not successfully completing developmental requirements. This intervention can mean a hold on records, requiring developmental lab classes, working with the Dev Math Advisor, and monitoring during the semester.
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, APRIL 26, 2010.

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 Services
- The online ACC Student Handbook is located at www.austincc.edu/handbook/
- More information about Student Services can be found at www.austincc.edu/support/

Course-Specific Support Services
- **Learning Lab**: ACC main campuses have Learning Labs that offer free first-come first-serve help with math from tutors and computer tutorials for mathematics courses. The locations, contact information, and hours of availability of the Learning Labs are available at www.austincc.edu/tutor.
- **DVDs**: DVDs that cover all topics can be checked out in the Learning Resource Centers (libraries) and are recommended for students who miss class.
- **Phone Tutoring**: Pearson, the textbook publisher has a tutoring center that is available by phone for students using any of their texts. Information about the service can be found at www.aw-bc.com/tutorcenter/. Hours of operation are Sun-Thur: 4 PM - 11 PM Central time. Students toll-free: 1.800.877.3016, Fax: 1.877.262.9774, Email Questions: mtutor@pearson.com

“Algebra class will be important to you later in life because there’s going to be a test six weeks from now.”