MAT 104
COLLEGE ALGEBRA FALL 2005

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Course Designation
MAT 104. College Algebra. Review of the fundamentals of algebra; linear and quadratic equations and inequalities; functions and graphs; systems of equations and inequalities; exponential and logarithmic functions, and the theory of equations. A student who has earned credit in MAT 106 cannot receive credit for this course. Prerequisite: 2 years of high school algebra or equivalent. (3 hours credit.)

Text

General Course Objectives
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:
1. Simplify algebraic expressions.
2. Solve and graph linear and quadratic equations and inequalities.
3. Solve applied problems.
4. Describe and define a function.
5. Find the equation for a linear function satisfying given conditions.
6. Identify the domain and range, sketch the graph, find the zeros, and compute the inverse of functions.
7. Find the composition of two given functions.
8. Find the equation of a circle satisfying given conditions and find the center and radius of a circle when given the equation.
9. Simplify exponential and logarithmic expressions and solve equations.
10. Solve systems of equations and inequalities.

Subject Matter or Content to be Studied
1. Review of Fundamental Concepts of Algebra
2. Algebraic Equations and Inequalities
3. The Cartesian Plane and Graphs of Equations
4. Functions and Graphs
5. Zeros of Polynomial Functions
6. Exponential and Logarithmic Functions
7. Systems of Equations and Inequalities

Methods of Instruction
1. Lecture with demonstration to include work with graphing calculators and computer software. (80%)
2. Cooperative learning through group work. (10%)
3. Classroom discussion. (10%)

Requirements
1. Regular and punctual attendance as stated in this syllabus.
2. Student preparation of homework assignments.
3. Student participation in class discussions and group work.
4. A hand-held calculator for computation (NOT A CELLULAR PHONE).

Tutoring Service
Free tutoring will be available in the Mathematics Department for students who need help outside of class. Hours when tutors are available will be given to the students and posted on the door of the tutor room, Walters 278.

Evaluation and Grading
1. Assigned homework will be collected at irregular and unannounced intervals and graded at the discretion of the instructor. Because communication is an essential part of everyday life, assignments involving writing will be made and graded.
2. Unannounced daily quizzes may be given throughout the semester.
3. Scheduled tests, three or four, will be given during the semester.

Grading and Grading Scale
Grades will be assigned according to the following scale:
A (90% - 100%) B (80% - 89%) C (70% - 79%) D (60% - 69%) F (below 60%)

There are three categories of scores for this class: tests, homework/quizzes, and final examination. Each category will account for a various amount of your final average according to the following weights:
tests - 70%, final examination - 20% and homework/quizzes - 10%.

Within each category the average will be computed on a part out of total procedure. For example, suppose that you receive the following scores of three test: 51 out of 57, 78 out of 123, and 44 out of 45. The test average will be computed as follows:

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\frac{51 + 78 + 44}{57 + 123 + 45} = \frac{173}{225} = 76.89\%
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Cheating and plagiarism are not tolerated. If it is established that a violation has occurred, the instructor may determine the penalty, or he may report the offense to the department chair and dean of the school. The usual penalty involves a grade of zero on the test, examination, or paper in question.

Class Attendance
1. Prompt and regular attendance is necessary for success in this course. In order to receive credit in this course, the student must attend a minimum of 75% of the class meetings. Classes meeting three times per week will be allowed a total of 11 absences, excused and unexcused. If you exceed
the allowable number of absences, a grade of “F” will be assigned as the final grade in the course.
2. When a student is tardy for class, it is the student's responsibility to request that the faculty member change the recorded absence to a tardy. This must be done on the day the tardy occurred. A maximum of 3 tardies will be allowed. Any additional tardies will be recorded as unexcused absences.

Classroom Policies and Make-Up Tests
1. Do not use tobacco or eat in the classroom.
2. Do not bring guests, including children, to class.
3. Do come to class on time and be prepared to begin class at the scheduled time.
4. Do not ask to leave class early. Schedule all appointments at times that do not conflict with class time.
5. If you know that you are going to miss a class, but particularly a class with a scheduled test, notify your instructor as soon as possible before the absence and arrange a time to make up the work. Any absence from scheduled work must be covered by a written excuse from the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Student Health Service, or a doctor before the student is allowed to make up that work. Any exception to this rule must be arranged before the missed work!
6. It is the responsibility of the individual student to inform the faculty member of any clinically diagnosed learning disability or other limiting disability that might in some way hinder the student's progress in this class. On request of the faculty member, evidence of such disability must be provided.
7. Calculator use is permitted on all homework assignments and tests.
8. Be sure to show all work on homework assignments and tests. No partial credit can be given if no work is shown.
9. Homework must be turned in when it is due. No late homework will be accepted.
10. Cheating and plagiarism are not tolerated. If it is established that a violation has occurred, the penalty will be a zero on the test, examination, or paper in question.
11. Cell phones and electronic devices that make noise are to be turned off during class. If such a device makes noise in class the student will gather their belongs and retire from the class for the remainder of the day.

Important Dates
August 29 Last day a course may be changed from credit/audit
September 20 Grades of W or F in effect
November 10 Last day to withdraw from a course
A drop is not effective and complete until the drop slip has been signed by all parties designated and turned in to the Registrar's office.
If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act and requires accommodation, he should contact the Academic Support Lab (Union 311; phone 846-4654) for information on Appropriate policies and procedures.

The instructor reserves the right and privilege to change and alter these guide lines with due notice to the student.