

MTH 130-104: Concepts and Applications

Fall 2015

Meeting Times: MWF 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

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Instructor Contact & Feedback

The best way to contact me is through email. I usually respond within a few hours, although this isn't always possible. I also try to leave Blackboard IM running when I'm home. You may call my office, but make sure you leave a message if I'm not available. The voicemail messages get emailed to me so I may respond by either method – most likely through email.

I expect you to participate in class by joining the discussion, answering questions or asking questions. If you aren't comfortable asking questions in class, you can email me or drop by my office.

I will do my best to get work back to you within 2 classes of the due date.

University Policies:

By enrolling in this course, you agree to the University Policies listed below. Please read the full text of each policy by going to www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs and clicking on "Marshall University Policies." Or, you can access the policies directly by going to http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/?page_id=802 Academic Dishonesty/ Excused Absence Policy for Undergraduates/ Computing Services Acceptable Use/ Inclement Weather/ Dead Week/ Students with Disabilities/ Academic Forgiveness/ Academic Probation and Suspension/ Academic Rights and Responsibilities of Students/ Affirmative Action/ Sexual Harassment

Course Description:

A brief but careful review of the main techniques of algebra, including but not limited to polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions; graphs; systems of equations; etc.
PR: ACT Math 21

Course Student Learning Outcomes

Students will...	How students will practice each outcome in this Course	How student achievement of each outcome will be assessed in this Course
Apply algebraic concepts to model and solve real life situations using linear, polynomial, rational, exponential, root, and logarithmic equations and/or inequalities.	In-class discussions, Homework	Quizzes, Exams
Understand and use basic concepts of functions, including domain, range, operations, compositions, and inverses.	In-class discussions, Homework	Quizzes, Exams
Use tables, transformations, critical points, and other characteristics to graph functions, conic sections and parametric equations.	In-class discussions, Homework	Quizzes, Exams

***Textbook:** College Algebra, 9th Edition by Larson. ISBN: 9781133963028

Calculator You will need a graphing calculator. A TI-84 is recommended, but you're welcome to use anything you already have.

Math Lab: There is a math lab located in SH 115 for anyone who needs more help in this, or any math class. You've already paid for this service in your regular tuition. I highly recommend you take full advantage of this service as much as possible, not just before exams.

Cell Phones and Electronics: The classroom is a learning environment and I do not feel students are able to learn while being distracted; therefore, all cell phones are to be turned off or set to vibrate. Texting is not permitted during class. If you are seen texting in class, you will be asked to leave. Furthermore, you are not allowed to have any electronic devices that I feel may distract you or other students from the material being presented (i.e. MP3 players, laptops, tablets, etc...). If you are found to be operating any of these devices in an inappropriate way, you will be asked to leave.

Homework: I do not take up exercises assigned from the textbook; however, homework exercises may show up on quizzes or exams, so it is in your best interest to understand how to work them. We will go over a few homework problems you have questions about at the beginning of class. You may also ask me after class or during office hours about any problem.

We may change the homework format to online homework through WebWorks, but I'll announce that and go over it in a future class if it happens.

Quizzes: There will be daily open-note (not open book!) quizzes given during the first five minutes of class over topics covered in the previous class or homework. These quizzes are usually only worth 5 points each, but add up over time. If you're not in class when the quiz is given, you will not be allowed to make it up so please be on time for class.

Exams: There will be a total of four exams including the final. Exams may consist of multiple choice, matching, short computational problems, essays, and comprehensive problems. Exams must be taken at the scheduled times unless advance arrangements have been made with me or you have an excused absence. Failure to follow this policy will result in a zero for the exam.

Late Policy: There is no make-up for the daily quizzes. Unless you make prior arrangements with me, there will be no make-up exams without an excused absence. No homework will be accepted late. If you're having problems, come see me and I'll be glad to help you with the homework.

Attendance: Your success in this class is directly related to your own efforts. You will be more likely to succeed if you attend class each day and come prepared to contribute. Students are expected to attend and participate in each class; however, attendance will not be counted towards your final grade. Students must request permission to take a make-up exam prior to the exam and only for a very serious reason.

**Grading
Policy:**

Your final grade will be based on the total points possible for the class based on assignments, quizzes and exams. There will be some variation in the daily quiz score since I drop up to 3 of the lowest scores. To determine your score at any time during the semester:

- 1.) Add up all your points
- 2.) Add up the total possible points
- 3.) Divide your points by the total points and multiply it by 100
- 4.)

For example, suppose you have 250 points and there are 295 points possible.

$$250 / 295 = .8475 \times 100 = 84.75\%$$

Daily Quizzes	5 points each
4 Exams including Final Exam	100 points each
Worksheets – there will be at least 3	20 points each unless otherwise stated

The percentage ranges and corresponding letter grades are as follows

- A 90% - 100%
- B 80% - 89%
- C 70% - 79%
- D 60% - 69%
- F 0% - 59%

I will try to keep the grades up to date on MUOnline, but you're always welcome to come to my office to see your current grade. I can't email grades so please don't ask.

**Academic
Honesty:**

Cheating is taken very seriously in this class. If you are caught cheating on a quiz, you will be issued ONE warning. After that, you will be asked to leave and will receive a failing grade for the class. There will be NO warnings if you're caught cheating on an exam. The first instance of confirmed cheating will result in a failure for the class, not just the exam.

Important Dates:

September 7, Monday
Labor Day – no classes

October 15, Thursday
Deadline for Submitting Freshmen Mid-Term Grades

October 30, Friday
Last Day to Drop a Full Semester Individual Course

November 22– 29, Sunday - Sunday
Thanksgiving Break

December 4, Friday
Last Class Day and Last Day to Completely Withdraw for Fall Semester

FINAL EXAM
Friday, December 11th from 10:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.