

COURSE SYLLABUS
MTH 127: College Algebra
Intersession 2012 (May 7, 2012 - June 1, 2012)

CRN 3111 SEC 301 5 credit hours

MTWRF 10:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Smith Hall 513

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Text: *College Algebra, 2nd edition* by Ratti ISBN: 9780321640314

Course Description: A brief but careful review of the main techniques of algebra. Polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions. Graphs, equations and inequalities, sequences *Prerequisites:* MTH 099 or Math ACT 19 or 20

Course Objectives:

1. To prepare students for a course in pre-calculus
2. To prepare students for science and engineering courses
3. To give students a solid understanding of algebra and show how it is used
4. To develop facility in using graphing calculators to solve math problems
5. To satisfy the mathematics general education requirement

Calculator Requirement: You will need a scientific calculator for this class. I recommend a TI-83 or TI-84, if you don't already have a calculator, but a TI-83 or TI-84 is not required. When I give instruction on how to use a calculator, it will be with a TI-83 or TI-84 calculator. You must also have an MU computer account for email and online quizzes.

Attendance Policy: Attendance will be taken every day. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to get the homework assignment.

Final Exam : Friday June 1 in SH513 from 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Other Important Dates:

Friday, May 25 - Last Day to drop an Individual Course

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day Holiday (No Class)

Thursday, May 31 - Last Day to completely withdraw from Intersession

Friday, June 1 - Final exam

Homework Policy: There will be homework assigned throughout the week during class, this homework will not be turned in. However it is strongly suggested that you do the assignments in order to help you pass your exams. I will post homework quizzes on MUOnline that will be calculated as part of your grade. You will need to check MUOnline regularly to do your homework quizzes before they expire. Students can access MUOnline by going to <http://www.marshall.edu/muonline/> and logging in with their 901 number and pin.

Exam Policy: There will be **four** regular exams, the dates of the exams are listed below. Any student who is absent from an exam cannot make up the exam unless the absence is excused. Valid excuses are: illness verified by a physician; death in your immediate family (notification from the associate dean of the student's college required); religious holidays (advanced notification from the Dean of Student Affairs); and university approved travel. Most other excuses will only be excused with extensive documentation. If you do not make up the exam, you will receive a zero on that exam. **If the absence is not excused**, you automatically receive a zero on that exam. If the absence is excused it is up to the student to schedule a makeup exam with me. *The final exam will be given on Friday, June 1, 2012 in SH513 from 10:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.* If you miss the final exam, you automatically receive an **'F'** in the course.

Cell Phone and Electronics Policy: 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. Furthermore, you are not allowed to have any electronic devices I feel may distract you or other students from the material being presented (i.e. MP3 players, laptop computers, etc.).

Grading Policy: Grades will be assigned to the following scale:

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

Your grade will be determined by the following percentages:

Four Exams: 20% each

Online Homework Quizzes: 20%

Exam dates: Exam 1 – May 11, 2012

Exam 2 – May 18, 2012

Exam 3 – May 25, 2012

Final – June 1, 2012

Lab Policy: There is free tutoring available in Smith Hall 526. I suggest you take advantage of this service.

Helpful Hints:

1. READ YOUR BOOK

2. Come to class.

3. Complete assignments.

4. Ask any questions you may have from lectures, your reading, or from attempting homework.

University Wide Policies

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1. Academic Dishonesty
2. Excused Absence Policy for Undergraduates
3. University Computing Service Acceptable Use
4. Inclement Weather
5. Dead Week
6. Students with Disabilities
7. Academic Dismissal
8. Academic Forgiveness
9. Academic Probation and Suspension
10. Academic Rights and Responsibilities of Students
11. Affirmative Action
12. Sexual Harassment

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