**Marshall University**

**Course Syllabus**

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| **Course Title/Number** | MTH 099—Mathematics Skills II Section 208 CRN 4076 |
| **Semester/Year** | Spring 2015 |
| **Days/Time** | MWF, 3:00 – 3:50 pm |
| **Location** | Smith Hall 518 |
| **Instructor** | Devon Tivener Wright |
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| **Office Hours** | MWF from 10:00 – 10:50 and from 1:00 – 2:50 |
| **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](http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs) and clicking on “Marshall University Policies.” Or, you can access the policies directly by going to [www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/](http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/). 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: From Catalog**

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| The purpose of this course is to prepare students with low placement test scores to take college level mathematics courses required in their program of student. Prerequisites: ACT 17 – 18 OR SAT equivalent OR successful completion of WMTH 001 or MTH 098.MTH 099 prepares you for MTH 127. If your degree requires you to complete MTH 121, then you should register for MTH 121B. You will save yourself money, a semester full of work and you don’t need most of the math that we cover in MTH 099. |

**Required Texts, Additional Reading, and Other Materials**

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| **TEXTBOOK COMPONENT:** Miller, O’Neil, Hyde. Introductory Algebra. 2nd Edition. ISBN: 9780077543754**ONLINE COMPONENT: CONNECT MATH:** Connect is the online homework tool and access must be purchased to meet the requirements for the Connect portion of the course. Students are required to have access to a computer outside of class.**CALCULATOR:** The TI-83/TI-83 plus or similar graphing calculator is recommended for students continuing into MTH 127/MTH 130 and other higher level courses. **Students may not utilize cell phones as calculators during tests—there will be absolutely no exceptions.** |

**The table below shows the following relationships: How each student learning outcome will be practiced and assessed in the course.**

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| **Course student learning outcomes** | **How students will practice each outcome in this course** | **How student achievement of each outcome will be assessed in this course** |
| Students will categorize expressions versus equations. | Group work, in-class exercises, Connect Math | Exams |
| Students will employ appropriate mathematical properties to demonstrate an understanding of linear expressions and equations. | Group work, in-class exercises, Connect Math | Exams |
| Students will use appropriate mathematical properties to demonstrate an advanced understanding of the operations on and simplification of polynomial, rational and radical expressions. | Group work, in-class exercises, Connect Math | Exams |
| Students assimilate information from a variety of sources to formulate successful study skills and problem solving strategies. | Group work, in-class exercises, Connect Math | Exams |

**Course Requirements/Due Dates**

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| Connect Math homework for each chapter will be graded the day after you take the exam on those chapters. It is essential that you stay on track with the Connect homework so that you are not overwhelmed at test time. I will grade any in-class work at the end of each chapter. See the attached course schedule for tentative coverage and test dates. |

**Grading Policy**

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| Since there are multiple ways in which students learn, knowledge and understanding will be assessed with multiple tools. A student’s grade is assessed by the number of points earned in each of the following categories:

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| **Category** | **% of Grade** | **Points** |  |  |  |
| In-Class Exams (3) | 30% | 300 pts. |  |  |  |
| Comprehensive Final Exam | 30% | 300 pts. |  | **Credit:** | 75% or higher overall |
| Online Homework Tool | 20% | 200pts. |  | **No Credit:** | Less than 75% overall |
| Miscellaneous\*\*  | 20% | 200pts. |  |  |  |
| **Total:** | **100%** | **1000 pts.** |  |  |  |

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**Attendance Policy**

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| It is expected that each student shows up on time and is prepared for class. Attendance is necessary for the successful completion of this course, and is worth 10% of your grade. A student may have an absence officially excused at The Office of Student Affairs, Memorial Student Center MSC 2W38. Any unexcused absence on the day of an exam will result in a score of zero. Only an excused absence will warrant a make-up exam to be scheduled during Dead Week.  |

**Course Policies and Tutoring**

**OUTSIDE CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS:**  Students will need to *work at least 2-4 hours outside of class for every 1 hour spent in class,* studying notes and the textbook, completing homework from the book, and completing assignments in Connect to meet the requirements of the course.

**CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:** During class, cell phones must be turned off and out of sight. Please make the instructor aware ahead of time if access to these devices is needed.

**TUTORING FACILITIES:** Marshall University provides multiple options for free on-campus tutoring. The Mathematics Department tutoring lab is located in in Smith Music Hall 115. The University College has a tutoring lab on the first floor of Laidley Hall. It is the student’s responsibility to take advantage of these facilities in addition to utilizing office hours.

**Important Dates**

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| 1/19/15 MLK Jr. Holiday – University Closed3/16/15 – 3/21/15 Spring Break – No Classes**5/2/15 (Saturday) MTH 099 Common Final Exam Day (2:00 p.m.)** |