

Syllabus

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Math 90 Online

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Prerequisite

The prerequisite for this course is an appropriate placement score. However, if you believe that you are misplaced into Math 90, please contact me immediately to discuss your options for retesting for higher placement; you may be eligible for a second try using the MyMathTest placement instrument.

Evaluation and Grading

Grading and assessment always seems to be one of the liveliest debates for all on-line courses. The main question is: How does one insure authentic work (i.e. not cheating) and ensure quality learning? As with most on-line courses, this course will have a substantial amount of reading, assignments, quizzes, tests, and on-line discussion with your fellow classmates.

There will also be a proctored final exam. All assignments and test must be completed on time as outlined in the course schedule or a score of zero will be recorded. Homework will count for 20%, online tests will account for 40%, your quizzes will account for 15%, and participation will account for 5%, and your final 20%. I should also mention that *participation can account for more than 5% since you can receive penalties for lack of participation.*

Student Participation is the key to a successful on-line course. Each student is expected to actively participate in the classroom a minimum of 3 days per week. This **participation is mandatory**. This includes posting messages in the various discussion areas requesting or providing help on the homework, posting your work on even numbered problems from the text, or content questions. This participation increases your ability to get a higher grade in the class (for many it will mean the difference between passing and not passing). You will **earn 2 points per day that you post in the discussion area for a week**. You will need a **minimum of 30 points for the quarter to avoid penalty**. You can earn a maximum of 50 points for the quarter. If you do not meet the minimum of 30 points for the quarter, I will deduct 0.2 from your grade. This means that your grade may be a 2.1 and the end of the quarter and you failed to meet the minimum of 40 points you will receive 1.9.

Final Exam

You must pass the Final in order to pass the class. Since it will be the only time your identity will be verified, it is important that your performance is consistent with the rest of your performance in the class. There have been

instances where the student enrolled in the course isn't the one doing the work. You will have three hours to complete the final and be allowed one 5" x 8" notecard for notes and the use of a nonprogrammable scientific calculator (you may not use your phone or iPod or any device that can receive or transmit data). Your textbook will NOT be allowed into the testing area for the final.

Grade Points will be determined as follows:

93% - 100% 4.0
92% 3.9
91% 3.8
90% 3.7
89% 3.6

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. To be calculated $(P - 53)/10$
. Where P is your percentage

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63% 1.0
0 - 62% 0.0

Please keep in mind that you must obtain a minimum score of 2.0 in order to meet the prerequisite for Math 93.

Points Possible

Your grade will be determined by calculating your average by dividing the points you have earned by the points possible. To find out the number of points available, be sure to look at the Grading Policies. Each quiz will be worth 10 points, each exam is worth 100 points with the exception of the final which is worth 200 points, participation in the Discussion Areas is worth 50 points, and each online homework assignment is worth 4 points and the paper assignments are worth 30 points.

Deductions to your grade will be made for lack of participation in the Discussion Board. You will be penalized 0.2 if you fail to accumulate a minimum of 30 points at the end of the quarter. For example, if you earn a 2.0 you will receive a 1.8 for not participating.

Posting of Grades

Your grades for online and offline assessments (Quizzes, Tests and Homework) will be posted in the MyMathLab gradebook to allow you to keep track of your total points.

Withdrawals

All withdrawals must be processed through the registrar. If you simply disappear, you are subject to a grade of "0.0" for the quarter. I do not give "Z" grades as a general rule in on-line courses; exceptions can be made in extenuating circumstances.

Supplemental Help

There are many resources available in the MyMathLab classroom, including tutoring services. You may also visit me, I am located in building 18, room 212-F. It is best to email me so that we can arrange a time.

Resources Available

The computers in the MLC and in the library at SFCC both have computers available for use. There is also a scanner available for your usage in the library at SFCC. This may come in handy for turning in homework assignments that are offline.

Required Materials

The student will need the following materials for the class:

- **MyMathLab Student Access Code** (shrunk wrapped with text if purchased new. Available online or in the book store if needed). A textbook is not necessary and there is an eBook available in the MyMathLab class; however, many students prefer having a hard copy of the text.
- **Calculator**--Scientific calculator. Graphing or any programmable calculators or phone/iPod/iPad or any other device that sends or receives are not permitted for use on the final.
- **Pencil and eraser** (the final exam will be on a paper/pencil exam and will require use of a pencil)

Text: Prealgebra, 4/E by Tom Carson.

PLEASE NOTE IT IS NECESSARY TO BE SPECIFIC TO INCLUDE THE ACCESS CODE WITH THE TEXT. NOT ALL ISBN FOR THIS TEXT WILL INCLUDE THE ACCESS CODE.

This course will cover the following sections out of the text listed:
Chapter 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 as well as sections 7.1 – 7.3, 7.6.