

Math 212: Prep for College Math: Beginning Algebra - Fall 2015

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Class Website: The class syllabus, calendar, homework and other materials will be posted on the class web site at http://www.deanza.edu/faculty/balmcheryl/math212mps_fall15.html. Bookmark it and check it often!

Textbook and Required Materials:

- **Blitzer: Intermediate Algebra for College Students; 5th Ed.**
- **A scientific, non-graphing calculator**, recommended is the TI-30X
- **Worksheets packet**, available in the bookstore
- **A bound notebook** for note taking and **loose leaf notebook paper** for homework

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Evaluate real-world situations and distinguish between and apply linear and quadratic function models appropriately.
2. Analyze, interpret, and communicate results of linear and quadratic models in a logical manner from four points of view - visual, formula, numerical, and written.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation and awareness of applications in their daily lives.

Attendance: Regular, punctual attendance at all class meetings is expected of each student. Students absent during the first 2 weeks of class will be dropped unless they contact the instructor. Each tardy of more than 5 minutes will count as half an absence. **A student may be dropped from the class if absent the equivalent of 4 times, no matter what the reason(s).**

Homework: Homework will be assigned **every day** and is due at the **beginning of the next class period**. Each assignment is worth 3 points. Do not fall behind! Complete all homework assignments and ask questions. Credit will not be given for answers only, so show all your work. The top 35 scores will count toward your grade.

Quizzes: Quizzes are indicated on the calendar and are worth 10 points each. **Missed quizzes cannot be made up for any reason.** At the end of the quarter, your two lowest quiz scores will be dropped.

In-Class Activities: In class activities and worksheets will be assigned and graded. Activities are assigned daily and are worked on during class time. Each week of activities is worth 5 points and should be turned in on the following Monday with your assigned homework for that day. You do not have to finish incomplete worksheets outside of class, but it should be clear from your work that a reasonable effort was put into the activity. You cannot get credit for an in-class activity if you are absent on that day.

Exams: Three exams will be given worth 100 points each. Exam dates are on the calendar. **No make-up exams will be given for any reason.** All exams are closed book and closed notes unless otherwise stated.

Final Exam: There will be a 2-hour final exam worth 160 points. The exam is comprehensive. The final exam time is on the calendar. At the end of the quarter, your final exam will replace your lowest exam score, if the final exam score is higher (as a percentage).

Grades will be assigned as follows:

| Assignments | Points | Total points | Percent | Grade |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| Exams (3 @ 100 points) | 300 | 675-750 | ≥ 90 | A |
| Final exam | 160 | 600-674 | ≥ 80 | B |
| HW assignments (35 @ 3 points) | 105 | 525-599 | ≥ 70 | C |
| Quizzes (13 @ 10 points) | 130 | 450-524 | ≥ 60 | D |
| In-class (11 weeks @ 5 points) | 55 | | | |

How to get help: Students may receive tutorial assistance from the instructor during office hours. Please come by for help or to talk about your grade. That is what I am there for! Tutors are also available in S-43. Students are strongly encouraged to make use of the tutorial help to succeed in this class. Any student whose grade falls below 75% will be required to attend tutoring.

Other:

- If you have any questions regarding your grade on any assignment, you must discuss the matter with me before leaving the room with the graded material. Once the graded material has left the classroom, no grading changes will be made.
- Cell phones and other devices should be turned off or set to **silent** during class. Your phone is not your calculator. If I see it or hear it, I will take it until the end of class.
- Disruptive talking and other interruptions during class will not be tolerated.

Academic Integrity: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. If a student is found cheating and/or copying on any assignment or violating any other code of academic integrity, he or she will receive a 0 on the assignment and may receive failing grade for the course and/or be reported to the college. Anyone caught cheating on a test or quiz will receive an automatic 0 and be reported to the Dean of the PSME Division. Those caught twice will be expelled from the class with an F.

Disability Statement: De Anza College makes reasonable accommodations for people with documented disabilities. Please notify Disability Support Services (DSS) if you have any physical, psychological or other disabilities, vision, hearing impairments or ADD/ADHD. DSS is located in the student community services building, room 141. Phone number: 408-864-8753. Website: <http://www.deanza.edu/dss/>.

Important Dates for Fall Quarter 2015:

- Sun., Oct. 4: Last day to drop for a full refund or credit and with no record of grade.
- Fri., Oct. 16: Last day to request pass/no pass grade.
- Mon., Nov. 9: Veterans Day – no class.
- Fri., Nov. 13: Last day to drop with a "W."
- Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving Break – no class.
- Fri., Dec. 4: Last day of class.
- Wed., Dec. 9: Final Exam 1:45–3:45pm.