

Math 212.20
Beginning Algebra
De Anza College
Winter 2017

Instructor: Dr. Jim Mailhot (pronounced MY-it)

Classroom: S35

Meeting Times: TTh 1:30 – 3:45pm

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Office Hours: MTWTh 3:55 – 4:45pm

Textbook: *Intermediate Algebra for College Students (7th edition)* by Robert Blitzer.

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

Grading: Your grade in this course will be based on homework, in-class assignments, quizzes, three midterms and a comprehensive final exam, weighted as follows:

Homework and in-class assignments:	12.5%
Quizzes (lowest score dropped):	12.5%
3 Midterms:	15% each
Final Exam:	30%

Approximate grade breakdowns are:

90% and above:	A or A-
80 – 90%:	B+, B or B-
70 – 80%:	C+ or C
60 – 70%:	D
under 60%:	F

Homework: A list of homework problems for the quarter will be e-mailed to students. Homework will be collected *at the beginning* of class every Thursday, from the sections we covered in class the previous week. Homework assignments should be neat and legible, stapled together, without any “fringes”.

Quizzes: I will give pop quizzes in class on a random basis. Calculators and notes are *not* allowed on quizzes. Make-up quizzes will not be given. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped.

Exams: There will be three in-class midterms and a comprehensive final exam. You may bring one 8.5”×11” sheet of hand-written notes (both sides) to exams. Calculators are *not* allowed on exams. Make-up exams will not be given. You *must* take the final exam to pass the course.

Getting Help: In addition to coming to office hours, you can get help at the *Math, Science & Technology Resource Center (MSTRC)* in S43. They are open M-Th 8:30am – 6:30pm and F 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Cheating Policy: Any student caught cheating on a quiz or an exam will receive 0 points on that quiz or exam. The same holds for any student who allows another student to cheat.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to be on time and attend all classes. Roll will be taken at the beginning of every class period.

Be Courteous to your fellow students. Please make sure your cell phones, iPods and other electronic devices are turned off. Anyone who repeatedly disrupts the class may be asked to leave.

College Policies:

- Students *can not* take the same class more than three times for a grade, *including W*.
- Late adds and late drops *will not* be processed.

Important Dates:

Saturday, January 21 – Last day to add

Sunday, January 22 – Last day to drop with no record of grade

Friday, March 3 – Last day to drop with a ‘W’

Thursday, March 23 – Last regular class day

Tuesday, March 28 – **Final Exam (1:45 – 3:45pm)**