

# MATH 0950 Syllabus

FALL SEMESTER – 2013



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**INTRODUCTION:** Welcome to MATH 0950 at Snow College. Please read this syllabus carefully. It will answer most of the questions you may have about how Math 0950 fits in with your goals as a student at Snow College and will detail the requirements you must meet to complete the course.

## COURSE MATERIALS

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

- \* Headphones
- \* Non-graphing scientific calculator that is not in your cell phones
- \* Study notebook and pencils
- \* Laptop

These things must be brought to class every day. Cell phones must be turned off and put away. Any materials that are not on the required materials list or that are not necessary for our in-class activities should remain away during class. There will also be no snack or food in class because of the computer use. If you go against these rules you will be asked to leave the classroom and it will count as an absent.

**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS:**

**CALCULATOR:** You will need a scientific calculator for class and home to work with. It is Snow College's Mathematics departmental policy in the Math 1010 courses that a **graphing calculator will NOT be allowed on any exams.**

**COMPUTER:** Computer access for when you are not in class. You will need high-speed internet connection to be able to use iLearn. Due dates will **not** be adjusted for individual connection problems, so please identify some alternative options should your primary computer or connection have a problem. The Snow College math lab, Snow College library, public libraries, etc. are all locations where you can complete your coursework even if you are having access problems at home.

**TECHNICAL PROBLEMS:** There are several things that you can do if you are having technical problems. You can let me know and see if I can help you. If I am not around to help, call iLearn directly at 1-877-789-2008.

## COURSE STRUCTURE AND GRADING POLICIES

**ATTENDANCE (10%):** Regular class attendance is expected of every student. This class meets 5 days per week and you are expected to come to every class. Four days each week you will attend class and work on the course content in the online iLearnMath system. **If you are found to be exploring other websites for the majority of the class period, you will be counted absent for that day.** Excessive absences will result in an Unofficial Withdrawal (UW) according to the Snow College official policy listed below.

### ***UW (Unofficial Withdrawal) Policy***

*Regular class attendance is expected of every student. A failing grade of "UW" (Unofficial Withdrawal) may be submitted by the instructor if a student ceases to attend or complete assigned coursework. To avoid the punitive impact of a "UW," it is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw from a course by submitting a "Change of Program" form no later than the tenth week of the semester. See the current catalog for more details.*

That being said, if you miss class for any reason, you can make up your time by putting in 2 extra hours on the computer outside of class or 2 project worksheets. You will need to submit confirmation of your work via email. Please note that your claim will be approved before credit is given. After 10 absences, you will receive a UW.

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**PROJECTS (10%):** One class each week, you will work on in-class activities and projects. Your participation and completion of activity-specific work will determine whether or not you are counted as attending class on these days. Most of these will be worksheets that you need to work with your classmates on. Work will need to be shown. These will be graded. If your project grade is above an 80% , I will give you a 100% on it. If it is below an 80% , then you be given one week or until the next project day to redo the problems that you have missed to receive half the points back. Your corrections will not be accepted after the next project starts. If you need help you can go to the math lab located in Noyes 101.

The Math Lab is open:

MTWTh 8:30am - 7:30pm	Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm	Saturday & Sunday Closed
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**HOMEWORK (20%):** Homework for this class is counted in hours spent in the online iLearnMath system. You are expected to spend a **MINIMUM OF 10 HOURS** each week working on the content in the system. The 4 hours you spend in class will apply towards the 10 hour total. **This means that you will need to work outside of class for at least 6 hours each week!** Please be aware that if you do not put in the hours, you will most likely not pass the class!

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**CONTENT (20%):** This course covers a set amount of math content. The chosen topics will all be covered on the final exam for this course. Therefore, a minimum progress rate has been set up to help students stay on track to pass the course. This minimum progress rate can be found on the course schedule along with the number of hours you should have completed by the end of each week. **If you find that you are falling behind the minimum rate, you should put extra time working in the iLearnMath program.**

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**TESTS (20%):** Chapter tests are worth 20% of your final grade. There will be 3 tests over the course of the semester. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE TESTS will be given!** Each test will cover material that you will have covered if you are keeping up with the math content progress rate discussed above. The tests will be given on paper in the Testing Center located in the Lucy Phillips Building. You will be required to present a valid PHOTO ID. If during a test, your cell phone rings or you are caught using a cell phone, this will result in a 0% for the test. Test dates and Testing Center (283-7197) hours are given below:

<b>TEST DATES:</b>	<b>TESTING CENTER HOURS:</b>
SEPT. 13 - 16	MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9:00 AM - 10:30 PM
OCT. 11 - 14	FRIDAY: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
NOV 8 - 11	SATURDAY 12:00 PM -- 4:00 PM
	SUNDAY: 5:00 PM -- 9:00 PM

**FINAL EXAM (20%):**

The final exam will be worth 20% of your final grade. It will be a comprehensive test written by the mathematics department. The exam will be given in our regular classroom. In order to ensure your success in future math courses, the department has decided that only students who obtain 70% or higher on the final exam and who obtain at least a C (72%) overall in the class will be allowed to enroll in Math 1030, 1040, 1050, or 1080. The current set up of the registration system at Snow College is that any student who obtains less than 70% on the final must have their grade submitted as no higher than a C-. This is an unfortunate but necessary procedure.

Your final exam is scheduled for: **Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am.**

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**GRADING SCALE:**

Grades will be calculated based on your efforts in six categories. They are Attendance, Projects, Homework, Content Completion, Test Scores, and Final Exam. These six scores will be averaged together and a letter grade will be assigned based on that average according to the table below.

4.0	A	94-100%	2.7	B-	80-82%	1.3	D+	64-67%
3.7	A-	90-93%	2.3	C+	76-79%	1.0	D	60-63%
3.3	B+	86-89%	2.0	C	72-75%	0.7	D-	56-59%
3.0	B	83-85%	1.7	C-	68-71%	0.0	F	0-55%

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**WITHDRAWAL POLICY:**

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 is the final day to withdraw from a course without a \$25 fee or a “W”. The final day to withdraw from a course (with a \$25 change of program fee and a “W” on your transcript) is October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. NO withdrawals will be approved after that date. However, the \$25 fee will be waived if you are dropping to an iLearn class.

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**THREE STRIKES POLICY:**

At the end of each week, your progress will be evaluated. If you are behind by one week or more in either homework or content, you will be issued a warning card. If you are not caught up by the next evaluation, will be issued a second warning card. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, if you are still behind, you will be given a UW as described in the Attendance section of this syllabus. In order for me to *consider* letting you back into the class, you will need to get completely caught up in content and homework.

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**ACADEMIC HONESTY:**

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating on tests or other course work, collusion (this includes telling others about problems on an exam), falsifying, and plagiarism. Evidence of, or strong suspicion of, academic dishonesty will result in a 0 for the test/work and possibly failing grade for the course. Suspension may also be pursued.

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**EXPECTATIONS:**

I believe that each of us (students and instructor) are responsible for maintaining a positive and productive learning environment. You can expect from me to treat all members of the class with respect. In return, I expect each individual to give that same respect to me, the tutor and other students in the class. Students who choose not to contribute positively to the learning environment will be invited to pursue their studies elsewhere. You will be expected to uphold the Snow College policies regarding dress, conduct, and drug/alcohol free campus.

Out of respect for others, I expect **all** cell phones to be put away and turned to **silent mode** during class. If a cell phone rings during class, the owner of the phone will be excused for the rest of the class period! In addition, I-pods and MP3 players must not be loud enough to be heard by your neighbor. If they are too loud, you will be asked to turn them down or put them away.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**ADA:** Snow College is committed to policies of equal opportunity in employment and educational programs, and to allow all persons access to college programs regardless of sex, age, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, or veteran disability in compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Vocational Amendments of 1976, and other federal and state constitutional and statutory provisions.

Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring accommodations or services under ADA must contact the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC). The ARC determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of these accommodations and services for the college.

For assistance, please contact the Accessibility Services Coordinator.

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**FINAL NOTE:** I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus. Any changes will be announced in class. Students are responsible for any and all such changes.