

**Intermediate Algebra -- Math 1010-004
Fall Semester 2009**

Meeting Time: 12:30 to 1:20 pm
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Textbook

- Registration at **www.coursecompass.com** is required! The cost is \$70. You will need the course ID of **hughes46433** in order to complete the registration. You may do this on your own or in class on Friday Aug. 21st in the library. If you are retaking the course, see me for special instructions.
- Your registration at the Course Compass website will give you access to an electronic version of the text. However you may also purchase a hard copy of the text from a bookstore of your choice. Please note that the text will *not* be required in class.
 - The text is: *Beginning and Intermediate Algebra* by Lial, Hornsby & McGinnis (4th edition.)
- A scientific calculator is required but won't be needed until the second week of the course.

Grading

Grades will be based on *daily* assignments, an in-class journal, chapter exams and a final exam. Each category will have its own weight in the final grade. These weights are as follows:

- **Assignments (25%)** Assignments will be completed online at CourseCompass.com Each assignment will vary in length from 15 to 20 problems. The assignments will be due at 11:59pm on the day *after* they are assigned in class. For example; Sections 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 will be discussed on Monday Aug. 24th . The assignment will be due at 11:59 pm on Tuesday Aug 25th. I recommend that you work on an assignment **the day we discuss it in class** rather than waiting until the last minute. Faithfully completing your assignments and attending class is the way to achieve success in this class – the BEST way to learn math is to DO math! If you need extra help, please come to my office hour or visit the Math Lab (Noyes 101) . The Math Lab is open:

**MTWTh 10:30am - 8:30pm
F 10:30am - 3:30pm
Sa & Su Closed**

- **Journal (10%)** You will be required to keep a journal of important equations, formulas and concepts for each chapter. These important bits of information will be pointed out in the lecture as we come to them. Also, I will ask you to write a paragraph about an assigned topic that will be given a day or two before the journal check. The journal *must* be **separate** from your regular class notes. The purpose of this journal is two fold. First, we will have some equations, formulas, and concepts that will come up again and again throughout the book and it will help YOU if you have easy access to these things. Second, the journal will be a useful tool when preparing for the chapter exams. I will check your journals in class on the day after a test. The first journal check will be on Aug 31st. Your journal is due at the beginning of class. I will show you an example of what I expect the journal to look like before this date. There will be a total of 4 journal checks in the semester.
- **Chapter Tests (50%)** There will be 7 tests over the course of the semester each worth about 50 points. At the end of the semester, the lowest **NON-ZERO** test score will be dropped, so that only your best 6 scores will count toward your final grade. I will **only** grade tests completed in *pencil*!

ABSOLUTLEY NO LATE TESTS will be given! You need to plan ahead! The chapter tests will be given in two parts. They are:

- **In-Class Test. (20% of overall score)** This part will be a group test where you will be required to work as a group to complete the questions. More information regarding rules for the in-class test will be given before the first test.
- **Testing Center Test. (80% of overall score)** This part will be an individual test given in the testing center located on campus in the Social Science Building (across from the LDS Institute). You will be required to have a valid PHOTO ID in order to take tests in the testing center. The testing center hours are:

M, T, W, Th 9 am – 10:30 pm
Fri 9 am – 5 pm
Sat 12 pm – 4 pm
Sun 5 pm – 9 pm

- **Final Exam (15%)** The final is comprehensive and written by the department. This test will be given in our regular classroom on **Wednesday December 19th from 12 – 2 pm**. Math department rules are that the final **MUST** be passed with a grade of 70% or better in order to take MATH 1030, 1040, or 1050. If you do not pass the final will the required score, I am forced by the department to drop your grade to a C- in order to prevent you from taking a higher class. Having said that let me reassure you. I have NEVER had anyone fail the final when they have done the following: 1- Come to class and complete homework daily. 2- Kept a neat and accurate journal. and 3. Studied for the final both in class and with friends. I will make every effort possible to help you pass this final but I expect you to do the same.

- **Grading Scale:**

94 – 100% = A	80 – 82.9% = B-	64 – 67.9% = D+
90 - 93.9% = A-	76 – 79.9% = C+	60 – 63.9% = D
86 - 89.9% = B+	72 – 75.9% = C	56 – 59.9% = D-
83 - 85.9% = B	68 – 71.9% = C-	0 – 55.9% = F

Other Important Stuff

- I want you to pass my class! Honest!!! And, I will be available for help and support if you ask and IF you are giving it your best effort. Please call me, e-mail me or come by my office if you start to feel overwhelmed. **YOU CAN PASS THIS CLASS!!**
- I believe that each of us (students and instructor) are responsible for maintaining a positive and productive learning environment. You can expect me to treat all members of the class with respect. In return, I expect each individual to give that same respect to both the instructor 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.
- Cheating will **NOT** be tolerated (this includes telling others about problems on an exam)! If I even suspect cheating you will be given a score of 0 on that assignment or test. If it happens more than once, you will be dismissed from the class and given a final grade of F.
- Out of respect for others, I expect all cell phones to be turned to vibrate during class. I also expect **NO TEXT MESSAGING** in class. If a cell phone rings during class, the owner of the phone will be excused for the rest of the class period!
- Students with disabilities desiring accommodations, academic adjustments, or auxiliary aids must contact the Accessibility Resource Center (ACR), Room 241 Greenwood Student Center, phone number (435) 283-7321. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at the Accessibility Resource Center determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of appropriate services and aids. Veterans may also be eligible for services.