

Snow College Math 0990 (Algebra I) - Fall 2012

Section 002 CRN 2864 MTWRF 9:30-10:20am LPB – Room 310
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Required Materials:

Text: “Beginning Algebra” 11th Edition by Lial, Hornsby, and McGuinnis

Calculators: Scientific calculators are recommended but not required. **No cell phones will be allowed as calculators. No graphing calculators will be allowed on tests.**

Notebook, binder, 6 inch ruler, paper, pencils and pencil sharpener

Course Description:

This course covers the basics of Algebra I. It was designed to help students improve their algebra skills and understanding before attempting to take Math 1010 (Algebra II). It is intended to be a bridge between Math 0950 (Pre-Algebra) and Math 1010 (Algebra II).

Expectations:

College classes are much more rigorous and intensive. The average student should plan to spend at least two hours outside of class for each hour in class. Since this class meets 4 days a week, you should plan to spend **at least 12 hours a week on mathematics**. Attendance and class participation are required. You will be expected to read the text sections before class and work the “Now Try Exercises” as notes. You should memorize important definitions and solution methods.

Academic Integrity:

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. **You are only allowed to discuss the number of problems on a test, and how long it took you.** Evidence of, or strong suspicion of, academic dishonesty will result in a zero for the test or work and possibly a failing grade for the course. **Suspension may also be pursued.**

Notes:

Definitions and solution procedures will be covered most every day. Example problems will be solved. The most common mistakes to watch for will be covered. **Good Notes** will be valuable references.

Attendance:

Attendance will be taken daily. Students will be allowed to **miss five days without penalty. Three tardies** will count as one absence. The five days are for sick days, medical appointments, family commitments, etc. Extended illness will be handled on an individual basis. **School activity may be excused.** If you know that you will be absent for school activity **you must see me before you miss class.** There will be a **1% grade drop** for the sixth to the fifteenth absence. **Students with no more than 5 absences may drop an additional test.**

Unofficial Withdrawal

Students may be dismissed from the class for any of the following reasons:

- 1) Failure to participate in class or failure to follow class policies**
- 2) Six or more unexcused absences**
- 3) Excessive missed assignments**
- 4) Two or more missed exams**

This will result in a **UW** and could count as an F in the grade point average.

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.

Homework is 15% of the final grade

You must label each assignment with your name and the assignment name and your section. Assignment papers must be **stapled before class**. **Show your work, step by step**. **If you used a calculator you must show what you entered, step by step**. Each assignment is worth 10 points. If you **attempt every problem and show your work** you will receive at least 6 out of the 10 points. Four problems will be graded at random for accuracy. Each correct answer will be worth 1 point. **Bonus points** will be given for daily quizzes. They must be done on the top half of the first page of your assignment. Homework will be due after the quiz of the next class period. **Late assignments** will receive a maximum of 6 points if all problems are worked. Problems may or may not be graded for accuracy. **No assignments will be accepted after the corresponding test**. Do your assignments as soon after class as possible. You will then have time to get help when needed. **The Best Way to Learn Math is to Do Math!**

Math Lab

If you need extra help, please visit the Math Lab in Noyes 101. The Math Lab Hours are:

MTWR 8:30am - 7:30pm	Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm	Saturday & Sunday Closed
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You may also see me during office hours or by appointment.

Quizzes are 20% of the final grade

Most quizzes will be unannounced. Some quizzes will be open notes. No make-up quizzes will be given. Students absent will receive a zero however the corresponding test score may replace the quiz score. Students absent may get a copy of the quiz to study. The lowest quiz score will be dropped.

Chapter Tests are 50% of the final grade

There will be 6 tests during the semester. Tests must be completed in pencil. No late tests will be given. **In order to receive partial credit all work must be shown and labeled**. All tests will be given at the testing center. Limited notes maybe allowed on some tests. **The lowest test score will be dropped**. **Students with no more than 5 absences may drop an additional test**.

Testing Center:

The testing center is in the Lucy Phillips Building on the first floor. You will be required to have a valid **PHOTO ID** in order to take test in the testing center. If during a test, your cell phone rings or you are caught using a cell phone, this will result in a zero for the test. You are not allowed to leave during a test. **Be sure to allow sufficient time to finish a test**.

Testing Center hours (283-7197):

MTWR 9 am – 10:30 pm	Friday 9 am – 7 pm	Saturday 12 pm – 4 pm Closed on Holiday Weekends	Sunday 5 pm – 9 pm Closed on Holiday Weekends
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The Final Exam is 15% of the final grade

The final exam time is listed on your course calendar. The Final Exam will be a comprehensive test. It will be written by the Math Department. The exam will be given in our regular classroom. The Math Department **requires that you pass the Final Exam with a score of 70% or higher** in order to advance to Math1010. If you do not pass the final with the required score, I am forced by the Math Department, to drop your grade to a C- or lower. This will prevent you from taking a higher class unless you pass the “Accuplacer Test.” The grade is permanent unless you retake the class.

Grades

Grades will be available online. They will usually be updated after tests. The address is:

< <http://www.snow.edu/rond/0990/index.html> >

Grading Scale:

4.0	A	94-100%	2.7	B-	80-82.9%	1.3	D+	64-67.9%
3.7	A-	90-93.9%	2.3	C+	76-79.9%	1.0	D	60-63.9%
3.3	B+	86-89.9%	2.0	C	72-75.9%	0.7	D-	56-59.9%
3.0	B	83-85.9%	1.7	C-	68-71.9%	0.0	F	0-55.9%

Attitude:

I believe that we are all responsible for maintaining a positive mental attitude. Negative attitudes are detrimental to a productive learning environment. We are all expected to treat each and every member of the class with respect. I expect every individual to be willing to work with every other individual in the class, including the instructor. 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 a drug/alcohol free campus.

Cell Phones:

Out of respect for others, I expect all cell phones to be turned off during class. I also expect no text messaging in class. If you are texting, or if your cell phone rings during class you will be expected to bring doughnuts for the rest of the class. **Anyone who persists on using their cell phone will be asked to leave and pursue their education elsewhere.**

ADA:

ADA/Section 504 Compliance Notice

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:

Address: Snow College, 241 Greenwood Student Center, 150 East College Avenue, Ephraim, UT 84627.

Phone: (435) 283-7321

Fax: (435) 283-7314

Email: katie.larsen@snow.edu

Final Note:

I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus. Changes will be announced in class and students will be responsible for such changes.