Math 7: College Algebra
Mon/Wed/Fri 7:30 – 8:55 am
SM 123

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Office Hours
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Monday: 1:30 – 3 pm
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11 – Noon
Wednesday: 1:30 – 3 pm
Thursday: 7:30 – 8 am

Lab Hours
SM 348
Monday: 9 – 10:30 am
Tuesday: 9 – 10:30 am

Text: The following are required:
1. College Algebra, 10th Edition, Gustafson & Frisk, Thompson, 2010. It is important to read (or at least skim) the sections before they are discussed in class.
2. Math 7 Course Notes, Gonzalez. These notes are also available for download on the class website.

Prerequisite: Math 253, Intermediate Algebra or equivalent.

Content & Objectives: This course is designed to meet the needs of students who want a transferable algebra course. This class will not satisfy the prerequisites for Math 11 (Brief Calculus) or any other math class at Saddleback. We will cover most sections of chapters 2-8 of the text.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students who successfully complete Math 7 will be able to:
1. demonstrate mastery of the computational skills necessary to solve problems whose difficulty level is appropriate for a transfer-level class.
2. demonstrate the critical thinking skills necessary to solve word problems whose difficulty level is appropriate for this class.
3. demonstrate proficiency in graphing.
Grading

Grades are determined on the number of points earned out of 600 possible. There are three major categories for points. They are

1) 3 tests (100 points each), see calendar for dates
2) 5 quizzes (25 points each),
3) Homework (50 points possible)
4) Final Exam (150 points), see calendar for date.

Your lowest quiz score will be dropped. The following scale then assigns letter grades:

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Tests: There will be three tests, each worth 100 points. There is no make-up tests allowed. If you will miss a test, you must notify me no later than 24 hours after the test. Please see the calendar for dates.

Quizzes: There will be five quizzes each worth 25 points. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped, and thus there is no make-up quizzes allowed.

Homework: Collected weekly at the beginning of class on Fridays. Problems will come from the text and supplemental handouts. No late homework is accepted, and each assignment is worth 3 points, where 1 point is for correctness and 2 point are for completion. In addition, homework must be stapled with your first and last name, course title, and date clearly stated in the upper right hand corner of the front page. Homework not abiding by these standards will not be accepted.

Final Exam: The final exam is worth 150 points, and must be taken at the scheduled time. The final exam will in part be based on new material and in part comprehensive.
Policy

Calculators: Most scientific calculators are allowed on all homework, tests, and assignments. Graphing calculators (such as a TI 30, 34, 83, 89, etc) are not allowed. You cannot use your cell phone as a calculator. Your best bet is to always bring your calculator to class, since you will be attempting practice problems throughout class.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken on a daily basis. A student who has excessive absences (6 hours or more) may be dropped from the class without their permission.

Academic Honesty: In academics as in all parts of life, honesty and authenticity of ones work is regarded as the underlying moral code. Thus, anyone caught cheating will be held fully responsible in accord with the rules set out by Saddleback College (see Student’s Rights and Responsibilities in the Student Handbook). In addition, please see the Math, Science, and Engineering Division Policy on Academic Integrity (a link is available on my web page).

Special Accommodations: If you have a documented disability and need accommodations for this class, see me within the first two weeks of the semester. Also contact Special Services for assistance, located in the Student Service Center, SSC 113, 582-4885. I must receive all appropriate documentation before allowing you to proceed with accommodations. A link to Special Services is located on my web page.

Additional Important Dates:
- February 14, Last day to drop with no penalty to your grade.
- February 14, Last day to switch grading to Pass / No Pass.
- April 5, Last day to drop with a “W” grade.

Additional Resources: The class web site has a variety of study tools and applets. In addition, free tutoring is available in the LAP (Learning Assistance Program) located in Village 8. A link to the LAP is located on my web page.