

# **IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE**

**MATH 091**

**Intermediate Algebra  
Course Syllabus**

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**Course Schedule/  
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**Course Location:** Main Campus, 400 Building Room 403

**Book:** Introductory & Intermediate Algebra Custom Edition for  
Imperial Valley College  
Robert Blitzer ISBN 978-1-256-83889-0

**Electronic Resources:** MathXL MyMathLab can be purchased separately.

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5. demonstrate and understanding of logarithmic and exponential functions and their graphs.
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# Grades

## How Percentages Equate to Grades

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## Drop date

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## Learning resources

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# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Intro Review	15 8.1 Intro to func 8.2 Graphs of func	16 8.3 Alg. Func	17 8.4 comp inv func	18	19
20	21 9.1 ineq & app	22 9.2 comp ineq	23 9.3 eq. & ineq absolute value	24 <b>Test 1</b> <b>Chapters 8-9</b>	25	26
27	28 4.1 Sys by graph	29 4.2 Sys by sub	30 4.2 Sys by sub	31 4.3 Sys by add		

# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 4.3 Sys by add	5 <b>Review</b> 4.1 – 4.3	6 4.4 Prob solving using sys	7 4.4 Prob solving using sys	8	9
10	11 4.5 Sys in 3 var	12 4.5 Sys in 3 var	13 <b>Test 2</b> <b>Chapter 4</b>	14 10.1 Rad exp	15	16
17	18 <b>Presidents</b> <b>Day</b>	19 10.2 Rational exp	20 10.2 Rational exp	21 10.3 Mult & simplify rad exp	22	23
24	25 10.4 add, sub, div rad	26 10.4 add, sub, div rad	27 <b>Review</b> 10.1 – 10.4	28 10.5 multiply & rationalize		

# March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 10.5 multiply & rationalize	5 10.6 Rad eq	6 10.6 Rad eq	7 10.7 Complex	8	9
10	11 10.7 Complex	12 <b>Test 3</b> Chapter 10	13 11.1 Sqrt prop Complete square	14 11.2 Quad form	15	16
17	18 11.3 Quad funct & graphs	19 11.4 Eq in quad form	20 <b>Test 4</b> Chapter 11	21 12.1 Exp func	22	23
24	25 12.2 log func	26 12.3 log prop	27 12.4 exp and log func	28 12.5 exp growth and decay	29	30
31						

# April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <b>Test 5</b> <b>Chapter 12</b>	9 13.1 Circles	10 13.2 Ellipse	11 13.3 Hyperbola	12	13
14	15 <b>Review</b> 13.1 – 13.3	16 13.4 Conics	17 13.5 Sys of Eq 2 variables	18 <b>Test 6</b> <b>Chapter 13</b>	19	20
21	22 14.1 Sequence and Summations	23 14.2 Arithmetic Sequence	24 14.3 Geometric Sequence	25 <b>Test 7</b> <b>Chapter 14</b>	26	27
28	29 <b>Cumulative Review</b>	30 <b>Cumulative Review</b>				

# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Cumulative Review</b>	2 <b>Cumulative Review</b>	3	4
5	6 <b>FINAL</b>	7	8	9	10	11
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