## Math 91 - Intermediate Algebra

Fall 2013 Session: CRN \#10648 (Tuesday \& Thursday 6:30-9:00 p.m.) 5 units
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## IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DROP THE CLASS, IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND! LAST DAY TO DROP ANY CLASS IS NOVEMBER $9{ }^{\text {TH }}$ (WITH A "W")!

## Textbook and Software

- NEW Book: Introductory and Intermediate Algebra, $4^{\text {th }}$ Edition (Blitzer)
- Software: MathXL (NOT MyMathLab which is for Online courses)


## Chapters

Chapters 4,6,8,10,11,12,13,14

## Calculators

You will be encouraged to use a calculator, as many of the problems will require them. Problems that require a calculator will be on the tests, but I will not provide you with calculators. A TI-30 is enough for this class. NO Graphing Calculators, Cell phones, OR iPod type devices will be allowed as calculators.

## Grading Scale

A $\quad 100-90$
B $\quad 89-80$
C $\quad 79-70$
D $69-60$
F $\quad 59$ - under

Grade Distribution
Computer Homework/Tests 10\%
Tests (3 tests @ 25\% each) 75\%
Final Exam 15\%

## Homework and Computer Tests (10\%)

Homework will be done through the following web site: www.mathxl.com. All deadline dates are online at the site. NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED. Computer Tests will be assigned online at www.mathxl.com

## Tests (75\%) - You can't show up late for tests! A total of three 15 Question Scantrons need to be purchased ahead of time by student at the student store. They will NOT be provided.

You will have a total of 3 tests each worth $75 \%$. The tests will consists of problems similar to the homework and may contain essay questions where you will have to explain concepts. Tests will be announced at least two days before, but I am hoping to give you more notice if possible. Tests will be on the chapters being covered and most likely will include some material from previous tests. If you miss a test, the NEXT test will count for two scores (the previous test will NOT be counted as two scores). You must take the test in the class you are registered for (no exceptions). You can only miss one test. If you miss two, the second one will count as a zero.

## Final Exam (15\%)

The Final Exam will be multiple choice and free response. It will be comprehensive and will be created by the IVC Math Department. You CAN'T miss the final exam.

You will need to bring the following items for the Final Exam:

- Several \#2 pencils and erasers
- Valid ID AND know your I.V.C. G-number
- Scientific Calculator (NO Graphing Calculators)
- NO cell phones or other electronic devices with calculators will be allowed (i.e. NO iPods, palm pilots, cell phones ...)


## Tutoring

Tutoring is available through www.mathxl.com and through the Imperial Valley College Math Center and at the library by appointment.

## MATH 91

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Solve quadratic equations by factoring, completing the square, and quadratic formula. (ILO2)
2. Solve equations involving radicals. (ILO2)
3. Recognize and graph equations of conic sections. (ILO2)
4. Perform operations on functions algebraically. (ILO2)
5. Solve an application involving exponential functions. (ILO2, ILO5)

## MathXL

## How to Register and Enroll in Your Course

Welcome to MathXL! Your instructor has set up a MathXL course for you.
The course name is: Math 91 (Fall 2013)
It is based on this textbook: Blitzer: Introductory \& Intermediate Algebra for College Students, 4e
To join this course, you need to register for MathXL and then enroll in the course.

## 1. Registering for MathXL

Before you begin, make sure you have the access code that comes with your MathXL Access Kit.
To register or buy access, go to www.mathxl.com, click the Student button in the Register section, and then foll , the instructions on the screen.

## 2. Enrolling in your instructor's course

After registering, log in to MathXL with your username and password. To enroll in this course, enter the following Course ID:

The Course ID for your course is: XL18-T1R2-001Z-5T52

## Need more help?

To view a complete set of instructions on registering and enrolling, go to www.mathxl.com and visit the Tours page.

## Classroom Expectations

1. TURN OFF YOUR CELLULAR PHONES (or leave them at home). Courtesy please. IF IT RINGS, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE AND IT WILL BE MARKED AS AN ABSENCE. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN CLASS.

## 2. NO TEXTING IN CLASS.

3. Be Prompt!!! Class starts at 6:30 p.m., not 6:35 p.m. You will NOT be allowed to come in if class has already started. DO NOT come in late or leave early from class (it disrupts the flow of the class). If you do, you will be marked as an absence. If you can't make it on time, you can come in during the break.
4. Exchange phone numbers (ONLY if you feel comfortable - you DON'T have to) with classmates to assure getting homework and test information accurately. It's hard to do it alone.
5. Copies of books, tests, etc ... ARE NOT ALLOWED. (NO COPIES of any kind, including OLD TESTS). Everything must be in your writing.
6. Cheating will result in an automatic "F" grade in the class (Cheating $=$ " $F$ " for the semester)
7. Food or Drink are NOT allowed in class!
8. Any student who needs special modifications, please see the teacher or call: DSP\&S at 355-6312
9. After $\mathbf{2}$ absences, you will be dropped from class (It is still your responsibility to drop the class). You will find it is hard to recover if you miss a few classes.
10. Humor is a big part of the class. To break up the monotony of class, I will pick points during class to stop so that the four hours and fifteen minutes do not seem as long. This is strategically done to help students cope with the long class.
11. Avoid any uncomfortable situation such as bringing your children to class (IVC policy), making unfair remarks or laughing at other people's questions/remarks.

