



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2021	Instructor Name:	Mr. Voldman
Course Title & #:	Math 98-Fundamentals of Algebra	Email:	alex.voldman@imperial.edu
CRN #:	21554	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	Online	Office #:	2764
Class Dates:	02/15/21-6/08/21	Office Hours:	Contact via e-mail/zoom M-TH 1:30-2:30
Class Days:	Online	Office Phone #:	760-355-6299(only via e-mail)
Class Times:	Online	Emergency Contact:	760-355-6155, 760-355-6201 Division Secretary
Units:	6	Class Format:	Online (A)

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to the concepts of Algebra. Topics covered include linear and quadratic equations and their graphs; relations, functions and their graphs; polynomial and rational expressions and equations, logarithmic and exponential expressions and equations, radical expressions and equations. Not open to students with credit in MATH 091. (Nontransferable, AA/AS degree only) (Nontransferable, AA/AS degree only)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Demonstrate problem solving strategies by identifying an appropriate method to solve a given problem, correctly set up the problem, perform the appropriate analysis and computation, and share the interpretation of the conclusion of the outcome, using correct grammar or in an oral presentation. This outcome will be assessed through selected exercises on exams throughout the semester. (ILO 1, ILO 2)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Simplify polynomial expressions. Include use of factoring and simplifying using rules of exponents.
2. Simplify rational expressions
3. Simplify radical expressions. Include rationalize the denominator.
4. Solve equations, including polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and logarithmic equations and linear inequalities.
5. Graph linear, quadratic, radical, exponential, and logarithmic equations.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Blitzer (2017).1st Edition. Developmental Math for College Students. Pearson. ISBN: 978-0-13- 426833-0 (E-book is free and comes with MyMathLab)



Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Homework: There will be homework exercises assigned for practice from each chapter that we cover. Homework will be completed within **MyMathLab**.

Important: Temporary MyMathLab access code is good for 14 days from when you register!

Discussions: There will be ten discussions to be taken online within Canvas. Please see the tentative schedule (Syllabus) for the dates. There will be no make-up discussions.

Tests: There will be three exams and final to be taken online within **Canvas**. Please see the tentative schedule (Syllabus) for the dates. There will be no make-up exams. If you miss the exam, the final exam score will be used in its place.

Final: The final exam is mandatory(cumulative) for all students.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Grade Distribution

Discussions	Homework	Exams	Final
10 discussions @ 10 points each	10 homework activities @ 20 points each	3 exams at @ 200 points each	Final (Cumulative) 100 points

Course Grading

Discussions	10%
Homework	20%
Exams	60%
Final	10%

900-1000 points	A (90-100%)	800-899 points	B (80-80%)	700-799 points	C (70-79%)	600-699 points	D (60-69%)	Below 600points	F (0-59%)
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Course Policies

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette



- **Electronic Devices:** Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- **Food and Drink** are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- **Disruptive Students:** Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- **Children in the classroom:** Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Other Course Information

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services \(DSP&S\)](#) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.



Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information...

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, and/or Assignment	Date or Week	Activity, and/or Assignment
Week 1 2/16/21-2/20/21	8.1-8.4	Week 11 4/29/21-5/3/21	15.1-15.3
Week 2 2/22/21-2/27/21	8.5-8.7	Week 12 5/10/21-5/15/21	16.1-16.7
Week 3 3/1/21-3/6/21	9.1-9.5	Week 13 5/17/21-5/22/21	17.1-17.3
Week 4 3/8/21-3/13/21	Exam 1(Ch8-9) is available online in Canvas from 9 am, March 8 until 9am, March 11.	Week 14 5/24/21-5/29/21	Exam 3(15-17) is available online in Canvas from 9 am, May 24 until 9am, May 27.
Week 5 3/15/21-3/20/21	11.1-11.6	Week 15 5/31/21-6/5/21	18.1-18.5
Week 6 3/22/21-3/27/21	12.1-12.6	Week 16	Final exam is available online from 9am, June 6 until 9am, June 8.
Week 7 3/29/21-4/3/21	13.1-13.6		
Week 8 4/5/21-4/10/21	Spring Break		
Week 9 4/12/21-4/17/21	14.1-14.4	Homework (HW) and Discussion(D) Deadlines	
Week 10 4/19/21-4/24/21	Exam 2(Ch11-14) is available online in Canvas from 9 am, April 19 until 9am, April 22.	HW1&D1 3/1 at 9 am	HW6&D6 4/19 at 9am
		HW2&D2 3/8 at 9am	HW7&D7 4/26 at 9am
		HW3&D3 3/15 at 9am	HW8&D8 5/10 at 9am
		HW4&D4 3/29 at 9am	HW9&D9 5/17 at 9am
		HW5&D5 4/12 at 9am	HW10&D10 5/24 at 9am

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****