

Math 212.29

Beginning Algebra

Winter 2016

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Time: Monday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

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Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in Math 210 or a passing grade in the Placement Exam.

Course Description: This course is a preparation course for further studies in algebra. Emphasis will be placed on developing systematic problem solving techniques, exploring the concept of a function algebraically, numerically, and graphically, looking at the characteristics of linear functions and describing their meaning to a problem, developing linear models to simulate problems and use systems of equations to solve real world problems. Development of quadratic functions and their applications will also be studied.

Student Learning Outcome Statements (SLO)

: Evaluate real-world situations and distinguish between and apply linear and quadratic function models appropriately.

: Analyze, interpret, and communicate results of linear and quadratic models in a logical manner from four points of view - visual, formula, numerical, and written.

: Demonstrate an appreciation and awareness of applications in their daily lives.

Office Hours: 30 minutes before each session in the Math Tutorial Center

Textbook: Intermediate Algebra, Fifth Edition, Blitzer (required).

Related Materials: Scientific calculator/graphing calculator

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. The last day to drop with no grade is January 18; the last day to drop with a "W" is February 26. If paperwork for a drop is not completed by the student, a grade of F will be given for the quarter.

Assignments: Problems will be assigned at the end of each class session. These problem sets need to be attempted on a class -to- class basis. Time will be set at the beginning of each class to answer questions from the problem set. Homework will not be collected but the assignments need to be completed for material to be understood.

In class worksheets will be given during some class sessions that will count towards the grade. You must be present the day the worksheet is given to receive credit. Each worksheet is worth 10 points. Worksheets are scheduled on the calendar.

Quizzes: There will be 4 quizzes modeling problems from the homework. The total points available for quizzes will be 100 points. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped. If you miss a quiz it will count as a "zero" and this will count as your lowest quiz score. Each quiz will be worth 33 points.

Tests: There will be three exams given and each exam is worth 100 points. Your lowest exam score can be replaced by your final exam score. If you miss an exam it will count as a “zero”, and this will count as your lowest exam score. The total points available for exams will be 300 points.

Final Exam: A comprehensive final exam will be given and carries a value of 200 points. The final exam will be given on Monday, March 21 in room S46 at 4 p.m. The final exam must be taken on this assigned date or a final quarter grade of F will be given.

Grading: Your quarter grade will be determined with the following scale:

651 - 700	A	539 - 559	C+
630 - 650	A-	490 - 538	C
609 - 629	B+	420 - 489	D
581 - 608	B	Below 420	F
560 - 580	B-		