

MATH 110 (Intro To Algebra Concepts) Spring 2014
East Los Angeles College @SGEC-111
MW 12:50-3:20 PM Feb 10 – Jan 2

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Text: Pre-Algebra (Custom edition for ELAC) by Elayn Martin-Gay, MATHXL is required

Attendance Policy:

1. Class begins at 12:50 P.M. Be on time!
2. If you miss any day of the first week of class's you **will be dropped**.
3. This is a 5-unit course. You will be allowed 5 hours of absence time. This translates into **two** allowed absence days (**excused or unexcused**). Arriving late five times or leaving early three times **counts as one absence!** I may take roll anytime during the class. If you are not present during roll time, it's your responsibility to let me know that you were late by class end.
Students are responsible for all announcements made in class regardless of their presence.
***** A student **will be dropped** once he/she either misses more than 5 hours of class time or on the **third** absence. - **No Exceptions*******
It's your responsibility to drop!

Adding Policy: You must add by the **deadline!** (Feb 21) Ticket No. 8088

Material Covered: **Sections Covered:** Ch1-9 + Geometry
This course bridges the gap between arithmetic and algebra. Topics include operations with signed numbers, order of operations, grouping symbols, evaluating expressions and formulas, integer exponents, rules of exponents, the distributive property, working with polynomials, solving simple equations, graphing linear equations, and solving word problems.

Objectives: We will have a balance approach to mathematics utilizing computational skills, conceptual understanding and problem solving. Perform, solve, and graph the above content.

SLO: The student will be able to solve simple first degree equations involving fractions and decimals.

Math Lab: Students enrolled in this course **are not** required to spend hours in the Math Lab, but are highly encouraged to do so. Free tutoring and workshops are available. Main Campus Lab F5-105 and South Gate Tutoring Lab Room.
South Gate Tutoring Lab Room 104- Times and days vary.
Main Campus Lab F5-105-Times and days vary.

Homework: Homework will be assigned every meeting and it is to be done daily online. The online tool, does not allow late submissions of homework (it locks you out after the due date.) This class requires you to submit the homework online via, MATHXL

MATHXL: **Detailed registration instructions are on the 3rd page in the textbook.**
Register online and log in at <http://www.mathxl.com>
MATHXL Course ID: XL1G-U14P-501Y-1UZ2

Grading:	Homework/Notecards (Due on every chapter test day)	20%
	Tests (8Tests)	55%
	Comprehensive departmental Final Exam	25%

A 90-100% **B** 80-89.5% **C** 70-79.5% **D** 60-69.5% **F** below 60%
 To pass the class (receive “C” grade), your overall grade must be at least 69%.

Final Exam: Mon June 9@ 12-2 PM.* You must take the final exam to receive a passing grade.

ALL EXAMS ARE CLOSED BOOK AND NO NOTES, AND NO CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED.
 ***** **THERE ARE NO MAKEUP EXAMS/QUIZ** *****

Note: If for any reason you do not take a test, I will drop one Test (lowest **or** one missed); This **does not** apply to a missed final exam! Or an exam which student received a “0” due to academic dishonesty policy.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Cheating will not be tolerated. You will be reported without hesitation to the appropriate school authorities and **receive a “0” grade** for the assignment.

FOOD/DRINK POLICY: No food, No drinks, No Gum in class. Only clear bottled water allowed.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS DEVICES POLICY: Please put away (not on your desk or lap) and Turn off (or silent mode) **all** electronic devices and cell phones during class.

Text messaging is not allowed during class.

If there is **any** cell phone use, including texting you may be asked to dismiss yourself from that class meeting. Cell phone use during an exam: You will **receive a “0” grade** on the exam, if any electronic device is on your desk or is used during the exam period.

If your cell phone rings anytime during class time, it will count as an absence.

Calculator Policy: All of the skills related to the course must be demonstrated without the use of a calculator. Calculators **will not** be permitted on exams **or** on any class activity.

Note: Please limit your talking during class to discussions with the instructor. Talking during class is not acceptable; respect your peers by listening and participating at the appropriate times

Conduct: Dishonest or **disruptive behavior** is grounds for being dropped from the class.

STUDENT CONDUCT: Each of you is expected to contribute to each class session by arriving on time, being attentive, and participating in the class discussion/problems. Disruptive conversions, eating, texting, any cell phone use, and sleeping are not acceptable behaviors in the class environment. **Inappropriate language will not be tolerated during class (you will be dismissed from class.)** In addition to arriving on time, students are expected to stay the whole class period. Please avoid disrupting fellow classmates by arriving late or leaving early. Students are encouraged to ask questions. The only wrong question is an unasked question; if asking that question would have improved your understanding. I will attempt to answer all student questions during class.

Drop deadlines: no “W” Sunday Feb 23*(online) and Drop with a “W” deadline May 11*(online)

Holidays: Mon Feb 17 Presidents Holiday, Mon March 31 CESAR CHAVEZ DAY, Apr. 7-Apr. 13 Spring Vacation, & Mon May 26 Memorial Day.

Student ID checking: I will be checking for a valid picture ID (CA ID/DL or Student ID)

Students with disabilities who need any assistance or accommodations should contact the instructor by the end of the first day of class. FYI- DSPS office (323) 265-8650 ext 8681 C2-8

Steps for success in math:

1. Buy your book today! **And bring it to class daily!** (2 copies in library & 1 in Math Lab)
2. Attend class regularly and be on time ready to learn.
3. Ask questions.*
4. Find a quiet place to do your work.
5. Before you attempt your homework: Read your book carefully, work out the examples in the book, Reread your class notes and practice the examples worked in class.
6. Start your homework soon after class.
7. Completing the homework and studying are different. After completing the HW, go back and review (study) the major ideas that have been presented thus far.
8. Learn from your mistakes and successes. When you receive your quizzes/Tests (regardless of what the score is), find time to re-do them. Re-do your Tests 3 to 5 times on weekends until you know the information well.
9. Prepare for each test.
10. Attend office hours/Math Lab.
11. NEVER GIVE UP.

LEARNING COMES FROM DOING

MATH 110 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Logon to mathxl.com to view and submit assigned homework weekly.

You may also watch a lecture/topic which you may need further clarification.

Watch a lecture which you may have missed in class.

Get step by step help on all homework topics; all on mymathlab.com

*Indicates Online or Sunday deadline - transactions must be processed online only.

Seating arrangements: Open, but instructor reserves the right to assign seating at any time.

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