MATH 74C – Beginning Algebra I
SPRING 2015
Course Syllabus

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Course Description and Objectives
Beginning Algebra I is a course which covers linear equations and graphing in algebra. Problem solving and modeling are emphasized along with solving systems of equations using graphing, substitution, and elimination.

IMPORTANT: ON MON. MAY 4, ALL STUDENTS (WHO ARE ELIGIBLE) ENROLLED IN MATH 74C WILL TAKE A 50 MINUTE COMPREHENSIVE EXAM. STUDENTS WHO PASS THIS EXAM WILL BEGIN MATH 76D WITH ME. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT PASS THIS EXAM WILL REPEAT MATH 74C WITH A DIFFERENT INSTRUCTOR AT THE SAME TIME. ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED BY EARNING AT LEAST A 50% IN THE HOMEWORK AND QUIZ AVERAGE GRADE PRIOR TO THE FINAL EXAM.

Prerequisites and Class Policy
A grade of C or higher in MATH 72B, a satisfactory placement score, or permission by the Mathematics Department is required to enroll in this class.

Required Materials
- Scientific Calculator (TI-30XS Multiview strongly recommended)
- Notebook, notebook paper, pencil
- An activated student e-mail account from WWCC. Students must either check their WWCC e-mail regularly (help is available in the TLC), change their e-mail address in MyLabsPlus to an e-mail address that they check regularly, or forward their WWCC e-mail to an e-mail that they check regularly.
- Access Code for MyLabsPlus (available online or at the WWCC bookstore)
  - This includes access to the textbook online.
  - If you have used MyLabsPlus for MATH70A OR MATH72B previously, you may continue to use the same account and simply enroll in a new course without purchasing a new access code.
- OPTIONAL (and not recommended): A hard copy of the textbook: Developmental Mathematics by Gary Rockswold and Terry Krieger.

Homework
Assignments are to be submitted in mylabsplus. Two homework assignments will be given for each section covered and both assignments will be due at the same time – generally this will be the day after the section was covered in class. No late assignments will be accepted. The first assignment (labeled “Homework”) has help options available online, the second (labeled “Skills Check”) is shorter, has no help and is used to assess learning on the concepts. Your lowest homework score will be dropped at the end of the module. Occasionally, some homework will be handed out on worksheets. If you miss class that day, worksheets may be viewed or printed out from the “Course Documents” tab in MyLabsPlus.

Quizzes
In-class quizzes will be given throughout the module, usually 1-2 per week. Some quizzes will be scheduled, others will be unannounced. If you miss a quiz for a school-related event, please contact me at least a week in advance to arrange a time to take the quiz, otherwise quizzes cannot be made up if missed. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped at the end of the module. You are required to provide a scientific calculator for each quiz and the final. Cell phones, graphing calculators, headphones, computers, and sharing calculators are prohibited during exams. One quiz grade will be dropped.
Final Exam
The final exam will be given Monday May 4 in room 208 during class. Students will be given ONLY 50 minutes for this exam, unless they have an official accommodation from our Disability Services Office with a provision for extra time. If you DO have accommodations, scheduling with the Testing Center must be done by Wednesday April 29. The exam is a paper and pencil assessment, and you may use a scientific calculator during the exam. YOU MUST PASS THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAM (earn a grade of at least 70% on the final) TO EARN A C OR HIGHER IN THE COURSE.

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To receive a grade of C or higher in Math 74C, students MUST pass the comprehensive common final exam written and graded by the math department. Students not passing the comprehensive final exam will receive a grade of D+, D or F, depending upon their in-class grades. BEWARE: It might appear in the MyLabsPlus grade book that you are on track to earn a passing grade. Remember that you will NOT earn a grade of C or higher unless you PASS the comprehensive final, regardless of your grade going in to the exam.

Students who do not earn at least a 50% for their homework grade will NOT be eligible to take the final exam on May 4. Eligible students may ONLY take their final exam on May 4—this date is NOT flexible.

Academic Integrity
Academic dishonesty (cheating) is not tolerated and will result in a 0 grade.

Disability Policy
A student with a documented disability may request accommodations by contacting Claudia Angus, Coordinator of Disability Support Services, by phone at 527-4262 or by email at claudia.angus@wwcc.edu.

Resources
- WWCC Math Lab (Open M-Th from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fri. from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- Contact me via email/phone or by stopping by my office.
- Notes/Handouts/Homework assignments posted in MyLabsPlus

Effort
Mathematics is not a spectator sport! You can only LEARN mathematics by DOING mathematics. Attendance is key to your success in this course. If you should miss a class, you are still responsible for the material missed, announcements made, and the homework assigned. Plan to spend a solid two hours outside of class every day reading, studying, and doing homework. I encourage you to work in groups and obtain help from the Tutoring and Learning Center in Room 244. It is essential that you take personal responsibility to understand the course material and be able to solve the problems independently. YOU are the only one who can learn the material for yourself.