

Syllabus
Math 0240 PreAlgebra
Summer Semester 2009
Distance Learning-Offline

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Text: Lial, Hestwood. PreAlgebra, 3rd Ed. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 2006.
Available at the Taft College Bookstore.

Goals: Math 0240 reviews basic skills necessary for beginning algebra and provides an introduction to algebra. Topics include number systems, operations with signed numbers, integral exponents, order of operations, introduction to the idea of variables, introduction to inequalities, solutions to simple linear equations, and substituting into formulas. Chapters 1-10 will be covered.
If you are planning to take additional math classes, you should plan to get an "A" or "B" in Math 0240 in order to be ready for the next class.

Prerequisite: Qualification by assessment process or completion of Math 0230 with a grade of "C" or better.

Attendance: Obviously attendance in a distance learning format is different than a face to face class. It is recommended that you spend regular time reading through the sections, using the videos online or in the LRC for help, and working on homework assignments. Students may be dropped from the class if they are not making continuing progress in the class. Continuing progress is defined as returning the homework and chapter tests no later than the last day scheduled. See the section on Assignments and Tests.

Grading Scale:

100%-90% A	89-80% B	79-70% C	69-60% D	59-0% F
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Grading:

- **Tests (80%):** A chapter test will be given at the end of each chapter and a final exam at the end of the semester. When your studies and homework for each chapter are completed, take the test at the LRC, TCI Education Department, or schedule your test with your approved proctor. Be aware that **the date listed in the course calendar is the day I must have your test by, not the last day to take the test.** If mailing your test, leave adequate time for delivery. Any test not received by the deadline will receive a score of 0 and make-up tests will NOT be given for missed tests. You will be allowed to use two pages of notes and a calculator (not a cell phone) on each exam

as long as you turn your notes in with your test. You may use scratch paper for each exam, but it must also be turned in. You will have 1.5 hours for each chapter test and 3 hours for the final. I will drop your lowest test score (not the final). You may move forward in the class as quickly as you would like, but not after the deadlines.

Remember: If you are **not** testing in the LRC or TCI Education Department, you need to have an approved proctor before you will be able to take a test. You also need to provide the proctor with addressed, stamped envelopes for each test.

- **Homework (20%):** The assignment for each chapter is to do
 - 1) **all of the odd** numbered problems for **each section**,
 - 2) **all odd numbered** problems for the **review exercises** at the end of each chapter,
 - 3) **every problem** on the **practice chapter test**.

The practice chapter test will look very similar to the real chapter test, so if you do poorly on it, go back and study before taking the real chapter test. All of the assigned problems have answers in the back of the book, so you should be getting 100% on the homework. To receive credit though, **all work must be shown! All homework assignments will be submitted with the chapter test. Late homework will not be accepted.**

Assignments and Tests:

	<u>Homework Sections</u>	<u>Test Deadline</u>
Chapter 1	Section 1.1 to 1.8	6-16-09
Chapter 2	Section 2.1 to 2.5	6-23-09
Chapter 3	Section 3.1 to 3.4	6-28-09
Chapter 4	Section 4.1 to 4.7	7-7-09
Chapter 5	Section 5.1 to 5.9	7-14-09
Chapter 6	Section 6.1 to 6.4	7-16-09
Chapter 7	Section 7.1 to 7.5	7-21-09
Chapter 8	Section 8.1 to 8.3, 8.5	7-23-09
Chapter 9/10	Section 9.4, 9.5, 10.1 to 10.4	7-28-09
Final		7-30-09

As you can see, this class goes by very quickly! Try to stay ahead of the deadlines so you don't get too overwhelmed.

Grade Report: You may review your current grade via the Internet by following the steps:

Step 1: Go to the web address: www.eClassInfo.com/home.asp?id=sgetty

Step 2: Select your class under WebGrade Reports.

Step 3: Enter your Student ID and Password.

Your Student ID is the first letter of your first name and last name.

(Ex: John Doe: jdoe)

Your Password is your nine-character "A" number from Cougar Tracks.

Extra help: If you are having problems and have read the sections in the textbook and used any other resources available to you, please give me a call or email me. There are also tutors available at the Taft College Library Math Lab, at the Taft College Clubhouse, and through the TCI Education Department.