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**Class meets:** MTWRF 8:00-8:50 in FR 201

**Course Description: MATH 42. Beginning Algebra (5) FS.\*** Arithmetic review; signed numbers; polynomial arithmetic; first and second degree equations; exponents, rational expressions, and equations; radical expressions and equations; linear systems; introduction to logarithms. [Prereq: HSU math code 20. May not be repeated upon receipt of a grade below C-or a grade of U, NC, or W.]

On successful completion of this course with a grade of C or better, the remedial math requirement has been satisfied and the student's math code changes to 40. The student can now enroll in a GE math course or in Math 115 (Pre-Calculus).

**Text:** Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, prepared for Humboldt State University, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, by Gustafson/ Frisch, ISBN-13:978-0-495-79313-0. If you purchase your text at the HSU bookstore, you will receive a license to use Enhanced WebAssign included with the purchase of the text. If you purchase the text elsewhere, you will be required to pay an additional \$25 to purchase the license to Enhanced WebAssign.

## GRADES

### Grade Breakdown:

Sum of tests and quizzes = 70%

WebAssign problems = 20%

Problems of the Week = 10%

Grades will be assigned based on the overall quality of work submitted in the form of homework, quizzes, activities, and exams. Generally, a student with 90-100% will earn an A, 80-89% a B, 70-79% a C, 60-69% a D, and less than 60% an F.

Assignments: WebAssign problems will be assigned each lecture period, and due by the beginning of the second class period following. For example, an assignment given on Monday is due the following Wednesday, etc. It is your responsibility to ensure that WebAssign problem solutions are submitted in time for credit. ***No late homework will be accepted for any reason whatsoever***, so please, do not ask.

You should expect the assignments to take a fair amount of time, so I suggest you start working on them as soon after class as possible. This way you will have a maximum amount of time to seek help. You can do each assignment up to 10 times, but only your last attempt will count. At the end of the class your lowest five scores will be dropped. You can ask questions in class or go to the math lab in BSS #302. I highly recommend that you enroll in Math 99. The CRN# is 40083.

In addition to the WebAssign problems, there will also be a “problem of the week” which will be posted in Moodle each Monday at 7:50 AM and collected at the end of the Friday class. This homework should be neat and well-organized. Use a ruler, staple multiple sheets, use pencil and eraser. Messy papers will be returned ungraded. Poorly organized papers or hard-to-follow papers will receive low scores.

**Quizzes:** There will be a quiz each week. The quiz will be posted in WebAssign and available on Friday at 1pm and it will be due the following Friday at noon. You have 30 minutes to finish this quiz and the clock starts running once you begin the quiz. Within those 30 minutes, you can attempt each question 3 times. Quizzes cannot be retaken or made up.

**Exams:** There will be three exams during this course. The first two exams will be one hour long and will be valued at 100 points. The second exam will be a comprehensive final exam, valued at 200 points, and will include the last material presented. All exams will be closed book. Bring paper, pencils, a ruler and your calculator to each exam.

**Final Exam:** The final exam is scheduled for **Monday, December 15 at 8:00-9:50 AM**. Please plan to attend and do not make arrangements that will interfere with your attendance. I will not be administering final exams at any other time or day.

**Attendance:** I expect you to attend class every day and to be on time. If you miss a day, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. (Be advised that non-emergency phone messages and e-mails may take a day or so for a reply.) Out of courtesy, I expect that you will remain seated until excused. If you must leave early, I would appreciate being notified before class.

**Getting Help:**

*Office hours:* You are encouraged to come to my office hours for assistance with homework or clarification of course material. If my office hours are not convenient for you, please make an appointment to see me at a convenient time.

*e-mail:* I check my e-mail frequently. This is a good medium for contacting me.

*Homework groups:* I strongly encourage you to form groups to discuss and compare homework problems. Explaining/discussing a solution to a classmate is an excellent way to improve your own understanding.

**Student Responsibilities:**

- You should work independently, and seek help from classmates, tutors, or me when desired.
- Cheating and class disruptions will not be tolerated.
- All work submitted is to be neat, with quality presentation. Prepare it as though your grade depends on it (It does).

**This information is subject to change depending on extenuating circumstances.**