

MATH 151 Section S16N01

Introductory College Algebra I

Jan - Apr 2016



- Time & Location:** Tue & Thu 11:30-1:00 in Bldg 360 Rm 324,
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- Office Hours:** Mon 1:00-2:00, Tue 1:00-2:30, Thu 1:00-2:30 or by appointment
I am available at office hours to answer questions and help with homework. Come prepared to show me your attempted homework, and have your class notes organized.
- webpage:** <http://web.viu.ca/pughg/Spring2016/math151S16N01>
This page will be updated weekly with announcements, handouts, homework assignments and test solutions.
- Prerequisite:** Min. "C+" in one of Principles of Mathematics 11, Pre-calculus 11, Applications of Mathematics 12, or Foundations of Mathematics 12; or a pass in Pre-calculus 12 or Principles of Mathematics 12; or equivalent.
- Text:** ***College Algebra and Trigonometry (Fifth Edition, VIU Custom Edition)*** by Lial, Hornsby, Schneider and Daniels.
- Course Outline:** The objective of this course is to obtain a strong background in algebra and to develop the skills for analyzing and solving mathematical problems with emphasis on business applications. Topics covered and associated chapter sections from the text are
- ◆ Review of Basic Concepts: 1.1-1.7
 - ◆ Equations and Inequalities: 2.1, 2.2, 2.4-2.8
 - ◆ Graphs and Functions: 3.1-3.6, 3.8
 - ◆ Polynomial and Rational Functions: 4.1-4.5
 - ◆ Inverse, Exponential and Logarithmic Function: 5.1-5.6
- Homework:** Weekly homework assignments from the textbook will be posted on the course website.
- Doing practice problems is essential for learning mathematics and it is crucial that you complete and understand all assigned homework. In addition to the assigned problems, you should also attempt additional problems from the text to reinforce your understanding.
- It is important that you are able to solve problems on your own; however, you are also encouraged to work together on the problem sets. Explaining your solutions to others and discussing problem solving strategies contributes enormously to your understanding. You may of course also see me for help with homework problems.
- Homework will not be collected for grading, though you will be tested on the homework material. Answers to odd-numbered problems are in the back of the text.

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- Tests:** There will be four 75 minute class tests given on the following **Thursdays: Jan 21, Feb 11, Mar 10 and Mar 31.** Class tests are comprehensive, covering all material since the beginning of the course, yet focusing on new material that has not yet been tested. Each test is worth 15% of your final grade.
- No make-up tests will be given, but if you miss a class test for a good reason allowances may be made. Documentation must be provided to explain your absence: doctor's note in the case of illness, death certificate in the case of death in the family, police report in the case of car accident, etc. No exceptions.
- If you are ill on test day and you elect to write the test anyway, your grade will stand.
- Final Exam:** There will be a comprehensive final exam in April worth 40% of your grade. The exam period is Apr 14-25 2016. Travel plans should not be made until the final exam schedule is released, which is at least one month before exams begin. **In no event will the final exam be rescheduled to accommodate travel plans.**
- Grading Summary:** Class Tests (4): 60%
Final Exam: 40%
- Grade Review:** If you do not agree with the grade received on a test, you may submit your paper for regrading within three days of the date it was returned to you. In such cases, the entire paper will be regraded.
- There is no possibility of end-of-term extra credit assignments or supplemental exams to improve final grades.
- Grading Scale:**
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| A+ : 90-100% | B+ : 76-79% | C+ : 64-67% | D : 50-54% |
| A : 85-89% | B : 72-75% | C : 60-63% | F : 0-49% |
| A- : 80-84% | B- : 68-71% | C- : 55-59% | |
- Extra Help:** In addition to help during office hours, you can get extra help from the tutors in the Math Learning Centre located in Bldg 360 Rm 303. The schedule will be posted on the room door after the first week of classes.
- Attendance:** Attendance will not be taken, however you are encouraged to attend all lectures. If you miss class, read the textbook sections covered and borrow notes from a classmate. I do not lend my class notes nor will I reteach material during office hours.
- Student email:** Ensure that you have an active email address listed in your student record and that you check it regularly. I occasionally email the class with reminders or notices.
- Classroom Environment:** I like the classroom environment to be relaxed yet respectful. I encourage you to ask questions, discuss the topics at hand, and quietly listen while your colleagues ask questions or offer comments. Please don't sit and chat if you don't feel like being in class on a particular day. Arrive on time, and if you must leave class early for an appointment, please advise me ahead of time so that disruption is minimized. During class, texting, listening to music, surfing the web, etc, is rude: please don't do it.
- Academic Misconduct:** Incidents of cheating or other academic misconduct carry severe consequences and will be dealt with seriously. Refer to VIU Policy 99.01 and Procedure 99.01.001.
- Calculators & Translators:** A basic scientific (non-programmable, non-graphing) calculator may be used for tests and the final exam. No other electronic aids are permitted.
- Phones & music players:** Turn off and put away before class. Cell phones may NOT be used as clocks or calculators during tests.
- Formula Sheets:** Formula sheets may NOT be used for tests or the final exam.