

MATH 151 Section S19N01

Introductory College Algebra I

Jan – Apr 2019



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Time & Location: Mon & Wed 1:00-2:30, Fri 1:30-2:30 all in Bldg 370 Rm 111

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Office Hours: Mon 11:30-12:30, Wed 2:30-3:30, Fri 10:30-11:30 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: <https://web.viu.ca/pughg/Spring2019/math151S19N01>
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. May not be taken for credit by students who have received credit for any of the following (or equivalent): MATH 100, MATH 121, or MATH 191.

Text: *College Algebra and Trigonometry (Third Custom Edition for VIU)* by Lial, Hornsby, Schneider and Daniels, available at the VIU Campus Store.

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: R.1-R.7
- ◆ Equations and Inequalities: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4-1.8
- ◆ Graphs and Functions: 2.1-2.6, 2.8
- ◆ Polynomial and Rational Functions: 3.1-3.5
- ◆ Inverse, Exponential and Logarithmic Function: 4.1-4.6

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 80 minute class tests given on the following **Wednesdays: Jan 23, Feb 13, Mar 13 and Apr 3.** Class tests are comprehensive, covering all material since the beginning of the course. 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.
Test absence due to religious observance may be accommodated, however you must notify me in advance of the test and provide full details of the observance in question.
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 17-30 2019. 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.
If you miss two or more tests I will recommend that you withdraw from the course, and I will support a request for late withdrawal in the case of medical related issues. I will not support a request for late withdrawal once the final exam has been attempted.
- 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.
- 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:** A basic scientific non-programmable, non-graphing calculator may be used for class tests and the final exam. (The Staples BD-107i, available at Staples for about \$8, is plenty). Sharing calculators during quizzes and tests is not permitted.
- Phones:** Cell phones must be turned off and put away before tests and may NOT be used as clocks or calculators.
- Formula Sheets:** Formula sheets may NOT be used for quizzes, tests or the final exam. You will be required to know some formulas, while other more difficult to remember formulas will be supplied.