

MTH 070 : Elementary Algebra

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1 Course Information

- MTH 070 - Elementary Algebra - Fall 2015
- M,T,W,F: 11:00 - 11:50
- Natural Sciences 016
- MML Course ID: christenson34931

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3 Office Hours

- Monday, Tuesday: 14:00 - 14:50
- Wednesday: 11:00 - 11:50
- Thursday: 13:00 - 14:50

4 Course Prerequisite

None

5 Course Objectives

- To review basic math skills, concepts, and terminology
- To learn how to use math formulas
- To learn how to master math skills for higher level math classes
- To learn how to use math skills and formulas to solve real-life problems

6 Required materials

6.1 Text and Online Access

- *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, Functions & Authentic Applications*, 2nd edition by Jay Lehmann.
- You will need MyMathLab/CourseCompass access. This should be bundled with the text if bought in the bookstore, but can be purchased separately directly through the MML/CourseCompass website: <http://www.coursecompass.com>.
- For those that do not want a hard copy version of the text, the MML/CourseCompass access provides you with an online page-for-page identical copy of the text.
- To access MML technical help, call 1-800-677-6337 or 1-877-740-2213.
- The course ID you need to get started is:
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6.2 Graphing Calculator

- A scientific calculator with at least the capabilities of a TI83 is required. A TI 83 or 84 is highly recommended. The textbook is designed specifically for the TI-83/84 and includes step-by-step instructions and screen-shots in many areas throughout the book.
- No TI-89, nor any calculator with a computer algebra system, such as the TI-Nspire, is permissible for use in this course.
- NOTE: TI-89 calculators, cellphones, PDAs, ipods, etc will not be allowed for quizzes, tests, or exams.

7 Grading criteria for course

Grade Breakdown:

Online Homework	10%
Written Homework	10%
Quizzes	10%
Worksheets	10%
Midterm Exam(×2)	20%
Final Exam	20%

Final grades will be assigned by the following scale:

100% – 93.0%	A		90.0% – 92.9%	A–
87.0% – 89.9%	B+		83.0% – 86.9%	B
80.0% – 82.9%	B–		77.0% – 79.9%	C+
73.0% – 76.9%	C		70.0% – 72.9%	C–
67.0% – 69.9%	D+		63.0% – 66.9%	D
60.0% – 62.9%	D–		0.0% – 59.9%	F

8 Skills Test Policy

The Mathematics Department has stipulated that a Skills Test for MTH 070 assessing competency in some basic math skills will be required. Each MTH 070 student must pass the Skills Test by the end of the Friday before finals week. To pass, you must get at least 8 of the 10 problems correct. **Any student not passing the Skills Test at least once by the deadline will receive an F in the course. This test MUST be passed in order to pass the class.**

During week 3, the skills test will be taken in class. This is your one opportunity for the week (no make ups). Beginning during week 4 (after the in-class attempt) retakes will be administered at drop-in group retake sessions in MNB 110 (Retakes may be taken up to once per week). MyMathLab access is required for retaking the Math Skills Tests. For more information about the skills tests and the retake schedule please see Sharon Price's website: <http://www.wou.edu/wp/prices1/>

YOU MUST PASS THE SKILLS TEST ON OR BEFORE THE FRIDAY BEFORE FINALS WEEK. IF YOU DO NOT, YOU WILL NEED TO RETAKE MTH 070 .

9 Incomplete and Late Homework Policies

- A grade of Incomplete can only be granted for a student who is passing a class and has a documented emergency that prevents them from completing the course, after Friday of the seventh week of class, which is the last day for dropping a course with W grade.
- Each out-of-class assignment will have a specific due date and time. If you are unable to complete or hand in the assignment before the specified time then please contact the professor 24 hours before when the assignment is due so that accommodations can be made. **If a student does not turn in an assignment, and does not contact the professor 24 hours before when an assignment is due, then the student will receive a 0 for the assignment.**

10 Information on the Math Center (drop in tutoring)

The Math Center is a quiet and open room in the library, a relaxing place to study and work on your math homework. We staff experienced and knowledgeable tutors who are dedicated to helping you master the skills you need to succeed in your

math classes. You can drop by at your convenience (during our open hours), work on your homework, and when you have a question, simply raise your hand and someone will be there to help you.

Visit the website: <http://www.wou.edu/mathcenter> for open hours and a schedule of available tutors.

11 Wolf Connection System

If the instructor determines your performance in this class is placing you at academic risk, you may be referred to Jesse Poole, Western's Student Success Specialist. Jesse will offer to work with you to address issues and develop a student success strategy. **Regardless of whether a referral has or has not been made, you are ultimately responsible for tracking your own progress in this course.** If you would like to meet with Jesse regarding any academic struggles you are experiencing, please contact the Academic Advising and Learning Center at 503-838-8428 or email at tutoring@wou.edu

12 Accommodations

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and the Office of Disability Services, APSC 405, or at 503-838-8250, as early as possible in the term. Students needing medical or mental health care can access the Student Health and Counseling Center by calling 503-838-8313, emailing at health@wou.edu, or by walking in to schedule an appointment.

13 Veterans

Veterans and active military personnel with special circumstances are welcome and encouraged to communicate these, in advance if possible, to the instructor.