

## COLLEGE ALGEBRA: CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS

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### Key Resources

- Course website: <http://math.arizona.edu/~algebra/>
- Think tank tutoring: <http://thinktank.arizona.edu/>
- D2L website: <https://d2l.arizona.edu/>
- MyMathLab: <http://pearsonmylab.com/> Course ID: **hine50378**
- Code of Academic Integrity: <http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/codeofacademicintegrity>

### Class Expectations

The class-wide course policy can be found at: <http://math.arizona.edu/~algebra/>. All exam information is available on this website.

If you expect to miss class, please inform me *in advance*, so that we may discuss homework submission and what material will be covered that day. If you miss class, you are responsible for catching up on the material and finding out if any homework was assigned.

Please silence all cell phones. Absolutely no cell phone usage in class. If you must use your phone, please be courteous to your classmates and step outside.

Bring your workbook every day, since we will often work problems from the workbook to turn in. You do not need to bring your textbook to class.

The University requires me to drop any student who **does not attend the first two classes without contacting me and asking me not to do so**. Attendance is very important. Students that miss more than three classes (**two classes** during the first week) without contacting me might be dropped from the course by the instructor.

### Grading

Grades are assigned out of a total of 800 points. Exam points and homework points are not the same weight. Homework points will be scaled to 150 points.

Your final grade is distributed as follows:

Homework/Classwork	150 pts (18.75%)
In-class exams	300 pts (37.50%)
Midterm exam	150 pts (18.75%)
Final exam	200 pts (25.00%)

Grades will be regularly posted on D2L, <https://d2l.arizona.edu/>.

There is no extra credit. Grades will not be curved: 0-59 E, 60-69 D, 70-79 C, 80-89 B, 90-100 A.

### Homework Policy

Homework is an essential component of the course—the best way to learn math is by doing math. Homework will be assigned regularly, both written and online, using the MyMathLab system. The total homework score will be out of 150 points. There will be no extra credit, however, a few of the lowest written work scores will be dropped.

### Written Work:

Written work—homework, classwork, and quizzes—will all be weighted equally. At the end of the semester, I will drop a few of the lowest written work scores. After dropping these low scores, the sum of written homework, classwork, and quiz points will be scaled to a total possible of 75 points.

#### Written Homework:

Homework is due at the beginning of class. Homework will be graded on both effort and correctness. In mathematics, the process is very important—I want to see your work, written out clearly. You may work together, but each student is expected to write up his or her own solution.

Selected homework problems will be graded and a final score will be given. Points will be deducted for incomplete, unclear, or illegible homework assignments.

Use 8.5 x 11” paper with no tattered edges. You may write on both sides, and you may use either pencil or black or blue ink. Show all of your work for problems, do work in an organized manner, and staple multiple pages. Assignments that are not stapled may be returned with pages missing. Label each problem. Simplify answers completely, and clearly mark final answers.

You will not be given credit for problems that are not legible. If your handwriting is illegible, you will be given a warning, after which I may no longer accept your assignments unless they are legible.

In case of an absence, students may also turn in homework to the basket at Math 108. Our class starts at 4 pm; therefore, written homework must be turned in (either to me or to Math 108) by 4 pm on the due date. *Late homework will not be accepted for any reason.* Instead, a few of the lowest written work scores will be dropped at the end of the semester. You are still expected to complete all assignments—these dropped scores are for emergencies/illnesses.

#### Classwork:

Part of the homework grade will come from classwork. Periodically, you will turn in problems you have completed in class. These problems will be graded, but with an emphasis on effort. Think of it like a mini-quiz—all of the benefit, but none of the pressure.

#### Quizzes:

There may be quizzes. These quizzes may be announced, or unannounced. Quizzes will be graded as a homework assignment.

### Online Homework:

Problems will be regularly assigned through the online system of MyMathLab. MyMathLab assignments need to be completed by 11:59 pm (Arizona time) on the due date.

To sign up for an account, go to: <http://pearsonmylab.com/> Course ID: **hine50378**

You need to keep track of your work in a spiral bound notebook. Please clearly label problems. You will be expected to bring your notebook to class periodically for homework checks, which will count toward your online homework grade. Notebook checks will be announced at least a week in advance. If you have a question on online homework, please bring your notebook into office hours to show me your work. Online homework points will be scaled to a total possible of 75 points.

Let's make this a great semester.