

Course Syllabus
MTH 032-4652
Intermediate Algebra
Fall 2007
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1. Class Information: TTH 8:00 – 9:30 am
2. Office Hours: MWF 10:00 – 11:00 am and by appt.
3. Required Textbook: *Intermediate Algebra Concepts and Applications* by Bittenger / Ellenbogen
4. Required Supplies: Pencil and paper, MyMathLab access code
5. Course Description: Topics include special products and factoring, rational expressions and equations, rational exponents, radicals, radical equations, quadratic equations and complex numbers, and introduction to the function concept and graphing, equations of lines and linear systems.
6. Attendance policy: You are expected to attend every class and to arrive on time. If a class must be missed, then you are responsible for getting material that was missed.
7. Homework: Homework will be done online using MyMathLab. There are due dates for all assignments and it will be graded.
8. Tests: There will be 5 – 100 point tests during the semester and a final exam. The test dates will be announced ahead of time. You are expected to take all your tests with the class at the scheduled time. As a rule makeups are not given. If there is an emergency, please contact me immediately.
9. Grading: Tests – 50%
Homework – 25%
Final Exam – 25%
10. Grading Scale: A – 90%-100%
B – 80%-89%
C – 70%-79%
D – 60%-69%
F – 0%-59%

11. Academic Dishonesty: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

12. Classroom Rules of Conduct: Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. Students are prohibited from using tobacco products in class, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

13. Disabled Student Policy: SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may adversely affect your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. Note: no accommodations can be made until you register with the Counseling Center.

14. Miscellaneous: I reserve the right to change any and all parts of the syllabus. All changes will be announced in class.