

Mathematics 032D
Developmental Mathematics II
Sam Houston State University
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11:00 – 1:00

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Class meeting information:

032.07: Meets in LDB 209
Monday and Wednesday 3:00 – 4:20

032.09: Meets in LDB 205
Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 - 11:00

Course Description: This course covers products and factoring of polynomials, algebraic functions, exponents and radicals, quadratic equations, functions and graphs, applications and systems of equations.

*Credit for this course may not be applied toward graduation or
classification of students by hours completed.*

Required Textbook: *Intermediate Algebra: Concepts and Applications*, Seventh Edition
Bittinger and Ellenbogen

Required Materials: Come to class prepared to take notes. Materials for individual lessons will be announced when necessary.

Class Attendance: The attendance policy is according to that of SHSU. Regular and punctual class attendance is expected of each student, and records will be kept of student attendance. Students are expected to attend every class. If class must be missed, the student is expected to get the notes from a classmate, and to check the web-page for announcements and updated assignments. The professor will keep a record of attendance.

Religious Holy Days: The Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to make up all assignments. A student desiring to be absent from a scheduled class in order to observe religious holy days shall present to the instructor a written statement concerning the religious holy days.

Grading Policy: The course grade is based on:

Quizzes	10%							
Journals	5%	Percentage	90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69%	0-59%	
Tests (3)	60%	Grade	A	B	C	D	F	
Final	25%							

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 and examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Participation and Professionalism: Each student is expected to pay attention and follow instructions. Also, students should not disrupt the class for any reason, thus cell phones should be turned off. Students are encouraged to be on time, but if a student should happen to be late, come in and take a seat as quickly as possible so that you are not a disturbance to the rest of the class. No cheating is allowed on exams. If a student is caught cheating, the penalty for cheating is a zero on that assignment or exam.

Makeup Policy: If you expect to miss a test for any excusable reason, you must contact me in advance in order to schedule a makeup test. An unexcused absence on the day of a scheduled test will result in a grade of "0" for that test.

Withdrawal: University policy will be followed. It is your personal responsibility to initiate and complete the drop/withdrawal process.

Learning Disabilities: 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.

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. Since they are to be turned off, they should not be visible in class. If cell phones become an issue in class, students will be asked to leave if their phone should ring during class. Remember that students will frequently be presenting in this class, and it is rude to have your phone ring when they are presenting.

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.

Visitors in the Classroom: Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

Additional Information: All information on this syllabus is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class.