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M/F : 9:40-10:40 / S2, room 255

T/Th : 10:05-11:30 / S2, room 255

Office hours: Wednesday 3-6 pm

See [Instructor Website](#) for all assignments, materials, guidance, etc.

*Text: Intermediate Algebra for College Students, 6th Edition, Kolman & Shapiro*

### *Classroom decorum*

Be on time every class day. Latenesses will mount up to count for unexcused absences, which will count against your final letter grade.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be operated in class.

Calculators will not be used. Use of these devices for any purpose during quizzes or tests will result in your receiving zero for the quiz or test.

### *Course Objective*

To equip students with mathematics skills sufficient for succeeding in Math 108 and ultimately Calculus. Covers basic algebra (real numbers and their operations, math vocabulary, exponents, evaluating expressions, solving equations, understanding functions, including polynomials, rational and exponential functions).

Achievement of the objectives is measured mostly by tests, as described under "Grading" below. Some emphasis will be placed on students' ability to express answers using correct and precise mathematical language.

### *Policies*

Attendance is mandatory. Attendance will be taken daily; students who are absent for 25% or more of the course meetings will receive a grade of F for the course in accordance with Harpur College Policy. The exception is for students who are feeling sick or who are isolated or quarantined by the university.

### *Grading*

The course grade earned is based on student totals out of a possible 1000 points as follows:

150 pts for each of 4 exams	A	900-100	A-	850-899
250 pts for the final	B+	800-849	B	750-799
100 pts for quiz scores or homework	B-	700-749	C+	650-699
50 pts for participation.	C	600-649	C-	550-599
	D	500-549	F	0-499

Students using the Pass/Fail grading option need 500 points to receive a Pass. I reserve the right to modify this grading scheme.

### *Homework*

Homework will be assigned on a nightly basis from the textbook. You will be notified the day before if an assignment is to be collected. Clearly, there is a strong correlation between students who keep up with homework and those who succeed well in the course.

### *Quizzes*

Quizzes will be given almost every week. They may be in person or take home.

### *Exams*

There will be four in-class unit exams and a cumulative final exam. Approximate in-class exam dates are September 20, October 11, November 1, and December 2.

The final exam date and time will be set by the Registrar and will be during the exam period.

DO NOT make travel arrangements that will require you to leave campus prior to the final exam. All sections will take the exam at the same time and likely in the same room.

*No make-up exams will be given, except in the direst of circumstances (serious student illness with medical note documentation of some kind, or death in the immediate family). If you have an emergency, do everything you can to contact me as soon as possible. Do not wait until the next class meeting.*