

**Odessa College**  
**Intermediate Algebra**  
**Fall 2011**  
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**Course Number:** 0375.13    T-TH: 11:00 – 12:20    ET 124

**Webpage:** <http://www.odessa.edu/dept/math/tevens>

**Credit Hours:** 3

A developmental course that provides a study of real number operations, linear equations and inequalities including systems, function notation, quadratic inequalities, exponents and radicals, polynomial and radical equations, and their graphs. The student will learn to select appropriate mathematical techniques and technologies and use skills in information organizing, processing, planning, and problem solving. Credit is not transferable. This course does not satisfy requirements for any degree plan at Odessa College. Placement testing is available. Attendance is mandatory for TASP/THEA liable students. Lab fee required. (SCANS 3, 8, 9)  
Prerequisite: MATH 0372 passed with a ?C? or better or satisfactory placement score. Co-requisite: 14 hours in the Math Academic

**Course Objectives**

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- 1.0            Performing algebraic operations on rational expressions and equations.
  
  - 2.0            Performing algebraic operations on functions and graphing functions.
  
  - 3.0            Solving systems of linear equations and applied problems.
  
  - 4.0            Solving compound and absolute value inequalities, using basic arithmetic operations with rational expressions and solving applied problems.
  
  - 5.0            Using basic algebraic operations on radicals and complex numbers, simplifying radicals, and solving applied problems with radicals.
  
  - 6.0            Solving quadratic equations by the technique of completing the square and using the quadratic formula and solving applied problems involving quadratic equations.
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**Textbook:** *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra*; Bittinger, 4e

**MyMath Lab Software:** all homework done with this software

**Technology:**

Students must have a valid e-mail address to register for computer software. The email address that you use to register your software will be the email address to which I will send any information or announcements. Please check this account regularly. It is recommended that you use your Odessa College email address. All work is done through the internet, so you need internet access. If you do not have access to the internet, you may use the computers in the math lab.

**Method of Evaluation:** Discussion Boards: 10%  
 Homework: 30%  
 Test: 45%  
 Final Exam: 15% (Final is comprehensive)  
 Course Grade: 86% class grade + 14% Lab grade = 100% final grade

Percentage (%)	Grade
90-100	A
80-89.9	B
70-79.9	C
60-69.9	D
Below 60	F

**No Make-up on Homework or Test!! Make prior arrangements.**  
**No Late Homework Accepted.**  
**Failure to take Final Exam will result in receiving an F for the class**

**Homework Due Dates:**

- Week 1:** Register MyMath lab  
 Read all info about class on instructor web-site and in MyMath lab  
 Discussion Board: Introduction  
 Review Chapter 5
- Week 2:** Discussion Board: Scavenger Hunt and Personal Profiles  
 Sections: 6.1 – 6.2
- Week 3:** Discussion Board: Taking Notes in your Math Course  
 Sections 6.3 – 6.5
- Week 4:** Discussion Board: Test Taking Strategies  
 Section 6.6 (Due by Thursday)  
 Chapter 6 review
- Week 5:** Discussion Board: Time Management  
 Chapter 6 test  
 Sections 7.1 & 7.2
- Week 6:** Discussion Board: Learning Styles  
 Sections 7.3 & 7.4 (Due by Thursday)  
 Chapter 7 review
- Week 7:** Discussion Board: S.O.S. MATHEMATICS  
 Chapter 7 test  
 Sections 8.1 & 8.2
- Week 8:** Discussion Board: Study Skills Websites  
 Sections 9.1 – 9.3
- Week 9:** Discussion Board: Other Useful Web-site  
 Chapter 8 & 9 Review  
 Chapter 8 & 9 Test
- Week 10:** Discussion Board: Puzzle  
 Sections 10.1 – 10.3

- Week 11:** Discussion Board: The MyMath lab Program  
Sections 10.4 - 10.6
- Week 12:** Discussion Board: Support for College  
Section 10.8 (Due by Thursday)  
Chapter 10 Review
- Week 13:** Discussion Board: Greatest Success or accomplishment  
Chapter 10 Test  
Sections 11.1
- Week 14:** Discussion Board: About the Class  
Sections 11.2 & 11.3
- Week 15:** Discussion Board: Preparing for Final  
Section 11.6 & 11.7 (Due by Thursday)  
Study and review for final
- Week 16:** Discussion Board: No discussion board  
Final exam

**NOTES:** You can print out the notes for class at <https://sites.google.com/site/inter375>  
Please bring them to class with you.

**Attendance:** Your Attendance is the greatest indicator of YOUR success. Student attendance at every class is expected. You should expect that each absence would adversely affect your course grade. This is a developmental course and state law requires class attendance. You are allowed 5 missed class days. On the 6<sup>th</sup> absent you will be given an **F** for the course.

**Tardiness:** Tardies are not accepted. When you come in tardy you are disturbing the learning process. Please be on time. Once I have finished start of class business, I will shut the door. Please do not enter the classroom once the door is shut without prior approval. You may stay out in the hall and listen or go down to the lab to work on your assignment. I do not want the class disturbed once I start teaching.

### **Communication**

Communication plays a vital role in an online student's success. Communication methods for this course include announcements, email, and discussion boards. You are required to participate in the discussion boards. Each student should submit 15 meaningful threads in the discussion boards. These can either be new discussions, or they can be replies to other discussion. You will earn credit for meaningful posts to the discussion boards through May 9th. Idle chitchat and non-meaningful posts will not count towards your grade. Any emails I receive will be answered within 2 business days.

**Math Lab:** You are required to attend the Math lab for a total of 14 hours in the semester. Do not wait until the last of the semester. You can receive a maximum of 3 hours credit a week. If you do not attend the lab, it will affect your grade and can even result in a failing grade.

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 8:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Student Success Center

**Cell Phones:** Cell phones and pagers are not allowed in my class. If you must have a cell phone on please turn it to silent. Do not answer in class. You need to wait until I have finished lecturing and then go out in the hall to respond to the call.

**Dropping**

The last day to drop a course at Odessa College for the Fall semester of 2011 is Wednesday, November 9th.

**Conduct:** All students will be expected to abide by the OC Code of Classroom Etiquette. I have provided a copy for you. If you fail to abide by these rules, you will be asked to leave my classroom or be removed completely from my class.

**Cheating:** Cheating is not tolerated in my class. Cheating also includes copying answers out of the back of the book. All work must be shown on homework paper that is turned in. Any homework turned in that shows only answers will receive a 0. The 1<sup>st</sup> time you are caught cheating on a paper, homework, assignment, or test, you will receive a 0 for that assignment. The 2<sup>nd</sup> time you are caught cheating, you will be removed from my class permanently and receive an F for the course. If you are caught letting someone copy your paper, you will receive the same punishment.

**Back-Up Plan**

You must have a back-up plan for this course in case your primary computer fails during the semester. Please detail the location of the two computers in your student information sheet.

**Office Hours:** Monday: 8:30 – 9:00 and 12:00 – 1:00  
Tuesday: 10:00 – 11:00 and 12:30 – 2:00  
Wednesday: 8:30 – 9:00 and 12:00 – 1:00  
Thursday: 10:00 – 11:00  
Friday: 8:30 - 9:00

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the office of Disability Services at 335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

**Learning Resource Center (The Library)**

The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a Librarian " service provide additional help.

**Student Email**

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. **All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.**

**Student Portal**

**Technical Support**

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at [https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk\\_form.htm](https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm).

**Important School Policies**

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.