

Math 0375.29 – Intermediate Algebra

Odessa College Fall 2011

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Course Information:

- Course: Intermediate Algebra
- Day/Time: MWF 8:00am – 9:20am
- Room: ET P1
- Start Date: August 22nd, 2011
- End Date: December 9th, 2011

Professor Information:

- Office: ET 107
- Office Hours: MW 2:00pm-5:00pm, TR 10:00am-11:00am and 2:00pm-3:00pm.
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Catalog Description: A study of real number operations, linear and quadratic inequalities, exponents and radicals, polynomial and rational expressions, polynomial, rational 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. This course does not satisfy requirements for any degree plan at Odessa College and may not be accepted for credit by all senior colleges. Placement testing available. (SCANS 3,8,9)

Textbooks & Software: Elementary and Intermediate Algebra by Bittinger, Ellenbogen, & Johnson, 5th edition, the Student Workbook, and the MyMathLab Software.

Attendance: Student attendance and participation at every class is expected. **Attendance in a developmental course is mandatory.** You will receive ½ of an absence if you arrive late, leave early, or don't have the necessary material for class. You will also be counted absence for sleeping during class. The number of absences is limited to 7 total absences for the semester. Once a student exceeds the number of allowable absences, he/she will receive an F in that developmental class. Please do not simply stop attending class without visiting with me first.

Co-requisite: You are required to attend the Math Lab, ET 120, to obtain a minimum of 14 clock hours per semester. You may use this time to work on homework, study, or get tutoring. A separate lab syllabus will be provided with more information.

Quizzes: Daily quizzes will be given over any previously covered material. No make-up quizzes will be allowed, but the 2 lowest quiz scores will be dropped.

Homework: All homework for this course will be completed using the MyMathLab software. The homework for this class can be accessed through the Course Compass website at <http://pearsonmylabandmastering.com>. The Course ID for this class is **walker11321**. There will

be an assignment for each section of the book covered. Each week's assignments will be made available Monday morning, and will be due by the following Monday morning before class begins. Computer access is available several places on campus including the Math Lab (ET120) and the Learning Resource Center (Which is open 7 days a week). **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCESSIBLE OR ACCEPTED.**

Exams: There will be 5 exams for the class (Chapters 6, 7, 8-9, 10, 11) and 1 final exam which will cover all material. The exam schedule will be as follows:

- Exam 1: Wednesday, September 9th
- Exam 2: Wednesday, September 30th
- Exam 3: Wednesday, October 21st
- Exam 4: Wednesday, November 11th
- Exam 5: Monday, November 30th
- Final Exam: Wednesday, December 7th 8:00am-10:30am

The 1 lowest exam score (other than the Final) will be dropped.

Class Grade: Homework 20%, Quizzes 10%, Test 50%, Final 20%

Course Grade: 14% Lab 86% Class Grade

Tutoring: There are tutoring services available through the Math Lab in ET 120, and through the Student Service Center (SSC) in the Learning Resource Center.

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 432-335-6861 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.**

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.

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