

**WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE - FALL 2015**  
**MATH 115 - SYLLABUS - SECTIONS 4470**

**ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA**  
**Instructor: Manushak Movsisyan**

**TIME & ROOM:** MW: 4:30 PM–7:05 PM, MSA 109

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

- **Textbook:** Beginning Algebra, by Aufmann, Barker, and Lockwood; 7th Edition. However, it might be less expensive to buy a used copy from online.
- Your math notebook (with graph paper), pencils, and the textbook to class each day.
- Scientific Calculator ( no cells or graphing calculators are allowed on any assessments in class)

**PREREQUISITE:** The completion of Math 110 or Math 112 with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent preparation and a satisfactory score on the Elementary Algebra placement test.

**COUSE DESCRIPTIONS:** This is a first course in algebra. It covers the fundamental operations on natural numbers and carries on a logical development through all the real numbers. The course includes the solution of linear and quadratic equations and their graphs, factoring and statement problems.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Refund and Add Deadline, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Last days to drop without a "W", September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Last day to drop with a "W", November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Final Exam, December 16<sup>th</sup>



Homework will be assigned daily, and it is expected to be completed daily. However, it will be collected on exam days before you begin the exam. A reasonably complete assignment will be given 10 points. Your homework will

be graded on apparent effort with two hours per day as the standard. You must show your work. The odd answers can be found at the back of your text. You are encouraged to collaborate with one another on the homework.

**Welcome to Math 115 Class!**

My teaching philosophy is that with hard work, determination, and discipline all students can succeed. I am committed to offer all students the proper tools to be successful in this course! I am excited to be your instructor for the next 16 weeks.



**Wants to contact me?**

Feel free to drop by my office to ask questions or just chat. You are guaranteed to find me at **MSB 203**.

MW: 10:40 AM-1:00 PM  
TH: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM

**Email:** [movsism@wla.edu](mailto:movsism@wla.edu)  
**Phone:** 310-287-4235

**ATTENDANCE:** We have a lot of material to cover and understand, so regular attendance is crucial to your success in the class. Please come on time and stay for the duration of the class. If you cannot attend regularly, on time, and stay for the entire class; you should take this class at another time that fits your schedule. Students arriving late or leaving early, without authorization from the instructor may be marked tardy. Three recorded tardies will count as one absence. Excessive absences (3 or more prior to the drop deadline) may result in being dropped from the class. However, it is your responsibility to drop the class if you stop attending.

**GROUPWORK POLICY:** Group problem solving is a method of instruction for this class. You will work in groups of 2 or 3 each class meeting on an assignment. At the end of the class all of the papers will be collected, but only one paper from each group will be graded. Everyone in the group will receive the same score. Each group-work assignment is worth up to 10 points. If you have to leave class early, you will receive a zero for that day's work. You must work in a group, or your paper will not be graded. There will be no make-ups for group work. I reserve the right to break up groups for any reason.

**EXAMS:** There will be 4 tests worth 55% of your grade in the class. Don't miss them! NO MAKE-UP TESTS WILL BE GIVEN! If you know in advance that you will miss an exam, then it is possible to arrange to take it in advance, but no exam will be given after the class has taken it. The final exam score may replace the first missed exam.

**QUIZZES:**

- Quizzes will be given weekly throughout the semester. Roughly 2-5 problems from previously discussed lecture and/or homework will be on each quiz.
- *Do not miss them! No makeup quizzes will be given under any circumstances*

**MATH LAB/GETTING HELP:** I would like to encourage you to take advantage of my office hours. Learning Resource Center offers daily free tutoring and is located in the Library. To enhance your chances of success in this course make a commitment to spend at least 8 hours on course material per week outside class time, come to class daily, participate, keep an open mind, and stay positive.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact Disabled Students Programs and Services located in SSB 320 (phone 310-287-4450) immediately to improve the chances that such accommodations can be implemented in a timely manner. The instructor will do everything possible to comply with ADA and all other mandates.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Construct, analyze, and interpret graphs of linear equations in two variables in theoretical and applied contexts.
- Analyze an application, determine the data and formula(s) required for solving the given application, write an equation(s), solve the equation(s), and write a statement of conclusion that summarizes the results using units of measure.
- Solve linear and quadratic equations in one variable, and solve equations containing algebraic fractions or square roots in one variable.

## CLASSROOM CONDUCT:

- I like my classes to have a fun, encouraging environment. I expect you to come to class with a commitment to learn, take good notes and participate in discussions and classwork. I like group learning in my class. I expect my students to work together and encourage each other.



**Please  
Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones**

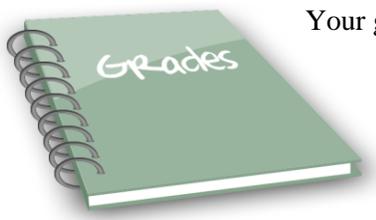
- Phones cannot be used during class even as a calculator to check your answer.



**NO  
FOOD/DRINK**  
*Sorry for the inconvenience.*

(except bottled water)

- All students are expected to arrive on time and stay for the duration of the class period. Late arrivals are disruptive to both the lecturer and students.
- Do not talk in class while lecture is in progress. Talking to the person next to you disrupts the whole class. Respect other students who have questions.
- Penalties for cheating range from a zero on an exam to dismissal from the course and/or the College. You should review College's policy on academic dishonesty outlined in the schedule of classes.
- No guests are allowed in class.



Your grade will be computed the following way:

Test scores	55%
Homework assignments	10%
Classwork and daily quizzes	10%
Final Exam	25%

## GRADING SCALE:

90%-100%	<b>A</b>
80%-89%	<b>B</b>
70%-79%	<b>C</b>
60%-69%	<b>D</b>
59% and below	<b>F</b>

**LECTURE OUTLINE**  
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This schedule is tentative. It is subject to change.

Week 1	8/31 Intro.; 1.1-1.3	9/1	9/2 1.3-1.5	9/3
Week 2	9/7 <i>LABOR DAY</i>	9/8	9/9 2.1-2.3	9/10
Week 3	9/14 3.1-3.3	9/15	9/16 <b>TEST-1/CH 1-3</b>	9/17
Week 4	9/21 4.1-4.3	9/22	9/23 4.5-4.7	9/24
Week 5	9/28 4.8 & Review	9/29	9/30 5.1-5.3	10/1
Week 6	10/5 5.4-5.6	10/6	10/7 6.1-6.3	10/8
Week 7	10/12 6.4 & Review	10/13	10/14 <b>Test-2/ CH 4 - 6</b>	10/15
Week 8	10/19 7.1-7.2	10/20	10/21 7.3-7.5	10/22
Week 9	10/26 Review	10/27	10/28 8.1-8.3	10/29
Week 10	11/2 8.4-8.5	11/3	11/4 9.1-9.3	11/5
Week 11	11/9 9.4-9.7	11/10	11/11 <i>VETERANS DAY</i>	11/12
Week 12	11/16 <b>Test-3/ CH 7- 9</b>	11/17	11/18 10.1- 10.4	11/19
Week 13	11/23 11.1-11.3	11/24	11/25 11.4-11.5	11/26 <i>THANKSGIVING</i>
Week 14	11/30 1.6	12/1	12/2 Review	12/3
Week 15	12/4 <b>Test-4/ CH 10-11</b>	12/5	12/6 FINAL REVIEW	12/7
Week 16	12/14	12/15	12/16 FINAL EXAM 4:30 PM-6:30 PM	12/17

**HOMEWORK**      **SUBJECT: MATH 115**  
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“OO” mean “every other odd”

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