

West Los Angeles College – Fall 2013
Math 115 – Elementary Algebra (#1475)
MTWR: 1.00 - 2.15pm · Rm: MSA-109

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Alternate way to get to the course webpage:

1. Go to: <http://www.harjunoxie.com/>

2. Then click on my name on the menu, you will get to <http://www.harjunoxie.com/harjuno/>

This page has some information about ‘My Teaching Style’ and ‘Articles to Read’, it is under ‘Teaching’ on the menu. Make sure you read it before proceeding with me in this course.

3. Under West Los Angeles College, click “Math 115: Elementary Algebra...”

Textbook: Beginning Algebra, 7th edition, by Aufmann Barker Lockwood.

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.

Course 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.

Grading:

Quizzes	10%	
Test 1	12%	Sept 24, 2013
Test 2	12%	Oct 14, 2013
Test 3	12%	Oct 31, 2013
Test 4	12%	Nov 18, 2013
Test 5	12%	Dec 2, 2013, No make-up Test!
<u>Department Final</u>	<u>33%</u>	Dec 12, 2013: 1.45-3.45pm; Comprehensive, 40 multiple-choice questions.
Total	103%	

Grading Cut-off: A - 90% - B - 79% - C - 68% - D - 63% - F

Important Dates:

Last day to add: 09/06/13

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Last day to drop with W: 11/15/13

Notes:

1. Having a textbook is a MUST. No one without textbook ever pass my class.
 2. Attendance is so important such that you should consider another section of the same course if you will miss more than three meetings. Even come late or leaving early will put your progress in great jeopardy. Lesson from the past tells that students missing more than 3 meetings EXTREMELY HARDLY pass my class.
 3. I consider tardy as absence. Five absences may VERY LIKELY result in being dropped.
 4. Each student should review the material discussed in the previous session and read-in-advance the next-session material. General rule-of-thumb says that you should dedicate at least 2 off-class hours for each in-class hour. You surely need much more when it comes to Tests or Final.
 5. No make-up Quiz, Test, nor Final; exception for Test or Final is ONLY given in case of emergency upon the demonstration of the proof of emergency OR unavoidable, legitimate, documented absence. Only one make-up Test/Final will be allowed. I don't drop any Test. NO MAKE-UP PROVIDED FOR TEST 5!
 6. Expect quiz on each meeting. I drop 1 lowest quiz.
 7. No, I don't curve your grade!
 8. Studying hard SOMETIMES results in a good grade, but NEVER expecting a good grade if you don't.
 9. Testing policy: close book, close note, no calculator, and close neighborhood!!!
 10. WARNING FOR REPEATING STUDENTS: Since you're repeating, you may have seen these materials in the past. However, you should not (even think to) skip classes on the topics you think you've mastered. Instead, you should utilize your familiarity for a more in-depth understanding. While repeating may be excusable for your academic record, THREE-PEATING is NEVER understood the same way. And, I don't treat you different from non-repeating students.
 11. NO MAKE-UP PROVIDED FOR TEST 5!
 12. You may be recorded during any Quiz, Test, and Final.
- I recommend you to take at least 1 hour to study every day. By the end of this course, this 1-hour study should have already been a habit instead of merely a burden. I will PURPOSELY make this course hard enough so that you can develop this habit within a few weeks, in addition to provide you a STRONG background to ENJOY the next Math course.

Academic Dishonesty: Any form of dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be an automatic 0 on that quiz/test/Final and reported to the College. The student with one dishonesty record in this course needs to score at least 80% to receive a C (and no better than a C). No one with dishonesty record EVER pass my class!

Classroom Etiquettes:

1. No phone calls, no texting while you are in class.
2. If you come late and/or if you need to leave early do so quietly. Do not disturb the class and me.
3. Do not come in-and-out the classroom unnecessarily.

WARNING:

I may lock the door 10 minutes after the class start. And, if so, I will not allow late students to come in and I will not allow students who left the class to come back in.

Course SLOs

At end of the course, the successful student will be able to:

1. Construct, analyze, and interpret graphs of linear equations in two variables in theoretical and applied contexts
2. 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.
3. Solve linear and quadratic equations in one variable, and solve equations containing algebraic fractions or square roots in one variable