

MA 1313 College Algebra

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Section 07

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Math Domain (A 111) M - Th 8 am – 8 pm
Fri. 8 am – 4 pm

Text: College Algebra, 4th Edition, by Blitzer (packaged with My Math Lab)

Email: Email is an excellent way to contact me, but please put MA 1313 in the subject of the email or it is subject to being deleted by accident.

Calculator: A scientific calculator may be used in this course for homework and quizzes. The calculator on the computer can be used for tests and the final exam. This is the only calculator that can be used on the tests or final exam. You will not be instructed on the use of a calculator during class for most assignments. If you have questions, feel free to ask after class.

Class & Lab Attendance: You are expected to attend all classes. Roll will be taken at each class meeting. If you must miss class, you are responsible for all material covered. You are required to spend at least two hours each week in the *Math Domain*. This time may be used to complete homework assignments or take quizzes and tests.

Non-credit Lab: Each student should have signed up for a non-credit producing lab for this course. This lab time will be used to take the four regular tests and your final exam. You will use this time on the following dates: **TEST 1:** January 26 or 27; **TEST 2:** February 23 or 24; **TEST 3:** March 30 or 31; & **TEST 4:** April 20 & 21. See “final exam” in the syllabus for an explanation of when your exam is.

Homework and Quizzes: Due dates for homework assignments will be on your MML calendar and will also be announced in class. You are expected to complete and turn in these assignments via the computer using My Math Lab (MML). Homework may be completed outside of the Math Domain if necessary. Please note that there are certain plug-ins required to do this from a computer outside of the Math Domain. (See (MML) below) There will be quizzes assigned that will also be taken and turned in using MML. You are allowed to use your notes and textbook on the homework and quizzes. The quizzes are password protected and must be taken in the Math Domain. **You will need your photo ID to take each quiz.** See the **POINTS** section of this syllabus for more explanation. PRACTICE is truly the key to success in a math class.

My Math Lab (MML): My Math Lab is a web-based interactive tool which comes packaged with your textbook. It is very student friendly and is designed to allow you to do homework and take quizzes online which are a component of your final grade. (Please note that prior to Fall 2005, homework and quizzes were not a component in the grading of this course.) In the homework sets you will be allowed unlimited attempts (select the “similar exercise” button) at each problem as long as it is handed in by the due date. Homework will not be accepted late. MML offers guided solutions for homework problems and additional help should you need it and not be able to contact your instructor. Each quiz will have an assigned begin and end date during which you will be able to go to the *Math Domain* to complete the quiz. Before each major test there will be a Mastery Quiz (Practice test) which you can use to study. It counts as a quiz grade. The only difference is that you will have three attempts to take each Mastery Quiz and only the best score will be included in your final average. See the last page of this syllabus for information on how to set up your MML account. If you have additional questions, please ask your instructor. The calendar feature on MML will provide you with assignment dates and due dates for homework and quizzes. It is recommended that you check that calendar at least every other day. If you have questions or concerns in the use of MML feel free to seek help from your instructor or one of the lab assistants in the Math Domain.

Tests: Four Multiple Choice tests will be given throughout the semester. These will be taken in the *Math Domain*. You are NOT allowed to use any notes or books on any test or the final exam. You will take your test during the time which you selected for your “non-credit lab”. You will be responsible for showing up to take the test at the time and day which you selected for your lab. If you are late for a test, you will lose points and possibly be required to reschedule your test. If you miss your lab time you may not be able to reschedule your test. Please note that a photo ID is required to take a test. **Cell phones are not to be on or accessible during tests!!!!**

Final Exam: The final exam will be departmental, multiple choice, and comprehensive. Your exam will be based on lab times. Please see the university exam schedule to determine the date and time for your exam. If your lab time does not have an exam time then your exam time will be during the group math time – Monday, April 27 from 7 – 10 pm.

Points:

<i>ITEMS</i>	<i>POINTS</i>
4 Tests	400
Final Exam	300
Quizzes (14) & Master Quizzes (4) (will drop 3)	120
Homework (will drop 3)	100
Lab Attendance, MML Survey, Test attendance, etc.	80

Final Average: You can accumulate up to 1000 points in this class based on the above listed point system. Final grades will be based on the following:

- A:** 900 – 1000 points
- B:** 800 – 899 points
- C:** 700 – 799 points
- D:** 600 – 699 points
- F:** less than 600 points

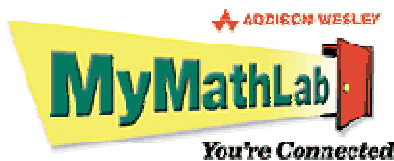
NOTE: Be sure to ask questions in class when you do not understand something. I hope that you will feel free to come by during my office hours or make an appointment to see me if you have additional questions.

Honor Code & Academic Misconduct: Mississippi State University has an approved Honor Code that applies to all students. The code is as follows:

“As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do.” Upon accepting admission to Mississippi State University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor Code. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the MSU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor Code. For additional information please visit: <http://www.msstate.edu/dept/audit/1207A.html>

Important Dates: *January 19 – Holiday, no class!*
February 18 – Last day to drop a course with a “W” grade
March 14-22 – Spring Break, no class!
April 10 – Holiday, no class!
April 24 – Last day of Class

CELL PHONES: Should be turned off and put away during class & lab times.



Mississippi State University Student Registration for My Math Lab

MyMathLab is an interactive website where you can:

- Take tests or do homework assigned by your instructor
- Self-test, work practice problems, and get tutorial help to improve your math skills
- View videos for further understanding
- Explore interactive animations in the Multimedia Textbook
- Use customized materials prepared by your instructor

What do you need to get started?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Valid Email Address	<i>Don't have it yet?</i> Contact your school's technology center, or set up an e-mail account through a free service such as Hotmail or Yahoo.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course ID	<i>The Course ID for your section is:</i> goddardii16086
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Student Access Code A sample code looks like this: MMLST-TAROK-THOLE- PICON-SHRIK-PRAWN	<i>Don't have it yet?</i> Your textbook should have been bundled with an access code to MyMathLab. If it wasn't, you need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to your campus bookstore to buy the Student MyMathLab Starter Kit (kit contains access code card and instructions) for your textbook <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purchase online access with a credit card at http://students.pearsoned.com/get-started.html.</p>

What steps do you take next?

- 1) Go to <http://students.pearsoned.com> and click on Student: Register.
- 2) Follow the on-screen instructions to enter your student access code and Course ID, provide contact information, and create your own unique login name and password.
- 3) Install required plug-ins on EVERY computer from which you plan to access MyMathLab. (The lab computers already have these installed, so you will just need to complete this step if you are accessing My Math Lab from a personal computer.) The plug-ins you will need to install can be found at <http://mathxl.com/bothmmlwiz/default.htm>. or from the link for the "Installation Wizard" on your announcements page when you log in to your course
- 4) After you've registered, Log In with your new login name and password at www.mymathlab.com (bookmark this URL).

If you need Technical Support, e-mail support@coursecompass.com or call 1-800-677-6337.