

**Elementary Algebra Foundations MAT K095, M,W,F 10:00am – 10:50am, Room D122**

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**Pre-requisite:** TRCC Credit level MAT\* K075 Minimum Grade of C or Accuplacer Elementary Algebra 040.0 or Math Placement 10

**Text:** Elementary and Intermediate Algebra – 5<sup>th</sup> Edition -- Baratto - Bergman

**Course description: 3 CREDIT HOURS Elementary Algebra Foundations**

This developmental course prepares students for college level courses. The course develops understanding of number systems, different representations of numbers, operations on numbers, including numbers expressed in scientific notation. The course introduces functions, their graphs, modeling relationships between quantities using functions. Topics also include solving equations and expressions with integer exponents, radicals, solving, analyzing and modeling linear equations, systems of linear equations, Pythagorean Theorem and geometrical formulas are used to solve real world problems.

**Measurements:** Tests – 100%.  
Grade equivalents: A 93 – 100, A- 90 – 93, B+ 87 -89, B 83 – 86,  
B- 80 – 82, C+ 77 – 79, C 73 – 76, C- 70 – 72, D+ 67 – 69. D 63 – 66,  
D- 60 – 62, F below 60, N if the student completed less than 60% of work

**Attendance:** It is very important that you attend **ALL** classes. Your attendance in the classroom, participation in classroom work /projects and preparation for each class is required and is essential to your success in the course.

**Support Services:** Tutorial services. Meeting with me for an extra help.

**Office Hours:** Immediately after class or by arrangement.  
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**Course Outline, Schedule, Homework** (This is a guide only. Assignments and schedules may vary).

<b>Section</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>HW</b>	
<b>Ch.0</b>	<b>Review of Prealgebra 1/22 – 1/22</b>		
0.1	Review of fractions	p. 10	1 - 91
0.2	Real Numbers	p. 19	1 - 69
0.3	Adding and subtracting real numbers	p. 28	1 - 73
0.4	Multiplying and dividing real numbers	p. 39	1 - 77
0.5	Exponents and Order of Operations	p. 48	1 - 75
<b>Ch. 1</b>	<b>From Arithmetic to Algebra 1/25 – 2/17</b>		
1.1	Algebraic Expressions	p. 63	1, 5, 7, 19, 21, 25, 27
1.2	Evaluating algebraic expressions	p. 75	1-21
1.3	Simplifying Algebraic Expressions	p. 87	27-67, 81-89
1.4	Solving equations using addition property	p. 102	41-61, 71 -77
1.5	Solving equations using multiplication property	p. 113	13-39, 59-63
1.6	Combining the rules to solve equations	p. 126	11-59, 73,75,85,87
1.7	Linear inequalities <b>Test 2/19</b>	p. 141	25-33, 38-55
<b>Ch. 2</b>	<b>Functions and Graphs 2/22 – 3/9</b>		
2.1	Formulas and problem solving	p. 161	1-21, 31-35
2.2	Sets and set notation	p. 175	15-27, 35-43,
2.3	Two-variable equations	p. 186	1, 7, 15, 17
2.4	The Cartesian coordinate system	p. 198	1-21, 35, 39, 51
2.5	Relations and Functions	p. 212	17-21, 33, 37,41-47
2.6	Tables and graphs <b>Test 3/11</b>	p. 226	7-21, 45-49
<b>Ch. 3</b>	<b>Graphing Linear Functions 3/14 – 4/1</b>		
3.1	Graphing linear Functions	p. 256	1, 3, 7, 11, 21, 23
3.2	The Slope of a line	p. 279	7-15, 19-41, 47-51, 55, 59,
3.3	Linear equations <b>Test 4/4</b>	p. 294	1, 3, 5, 11-21, 23-31, 33-43
<b>Ch. 4</b>	<b>Systems of Linear Equations 4/6 – 4/18</b>		
4.1	Systems of Linear equations	p. 347	5 - 23, 25-31, 33-38
4.2	Solving systems in one variable graphically	p. 358	1-9
4.3	Solving systems in 2 Variables <b>Test 4/20</b>	p. 373	1-25, 33, 35, 51-55
<b>Ch. 5</b>	<b>Exponents and Polynomials 4/22 – 5/6</b>		
5.1	Positive Integer Exponents	p. 414	1-51
5.2	Integer Exponents and Scientific notation	p. 427	1-35, 83, 89, 91, 97, 105, 107
5.3	An introduction to Polynomials	p. 436	1 -15, 37
5.4	Adding and subtracting Polynomials	p. 444	11, 17, 23, 31, 37
5.5	Multiplying Polynomials	p. 455	1-19, 25-37, 49-53, 61-67
5.6	Dividing Polynomials <b>Test 5/9</b>	p. 465	1-19
<b>Ch.7</b>	<b>Radicals and Exponents 5/11 – 5/13</b>		
7.1	Roots, radicals, Pythagorean Theorem	p. 560	1-9, 59-63
	<b>Final Exam 5/16</b>		

## **Course Objectives and Outcomes.**

At the completion of MAT095, the student will be able to do the following —

### **Algebra**

1. Use symbols and the language of algebra
2. Identify algebraic expressions
3. Use algebra to model an application
4. Evaluate an algebraic expression
5. Use linear equations to solve problems

### **Functions and Graphs**

1. Solve applications involving geometric figures
2. Solve motion problems
3. Use two variable equations in applications
4. Plot orders pairs
5. Determine whether a relation is a function
6. Evaluate a function
7. Determine function values from a graph

### **Linear Functions**

1. Graph a linear equation
2. Use the intercept method to graph a linear equation
3. Write the equation of a line using the slope and the y-intercept
4. Write the equation of a line through two points
5. Construct a linear function to model an application
6. Graph a linear inequality in two variables

### **System of Linear Equations**

1. Solve systems of equations by graphing
2. Find and interpret the intersection of two lines
3. Use the addition method to solve a system of equations
4. Use the substitute method to solve a system of equations
5. Graph and solve a system of linear inequalities

### **Exponents and Polynomials**

1. Use exponential notation
2. Simplify exponential expressions
3. Classify, determine the degree and determine the number of terms in a polynomial
4. Add and subtract polynomials
5. Determine the product of two binomials

### **Radicals and Exponents**

1. Evaluate expressions containing radicals
2. Apply the Pythagorean theorem
3. Use the distance formula
4. Use the product and quotient property to simplify radical expressions