

SYLLABUS – MAT137S Intermediate Algebra Embedded – Spring 2015

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- E-MAIL: mstewart@trcc.commnet.edu *(Include your name in message and use subject line.)*
- I will communicate to the entire class and/or individual students via email. Be sure to check your email before and after each class for any message.
- VOICE MAIL: 860-215-9521 *(Leave your name and a brief message.)*
- Office hours to work with students outside of class time:
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. in the Adjunct Faculty Office, D205(E)

CRN 12859, Section T1

- CLASS: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., classroom D203
- LAB: Friday, 2:00 – 2:50 p.m., computer lab D219
Todd Shirley is our tutor during Friday computer lab and he is also a tutor in TASC.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course represents the Intermediate Algebra instruction with embedded developmental support. The course cultivates understanding and different representations of functions. The course covers linear, quadratic, exponential, rational, radical functions, equations and expressions and operations on them with emphasis on modeling and solving real world problems.

Prerequisite for THIS course: MAT095 or MAT095I with a C- grade or higher or MAT090 with a P or appropriate placement through multiple-measures assessment process.

Prerequisite for NEXT course: Grade of C or higher in this course.

TEXTBOOK/ALEKS SOFTWARE ACCESS:

Students are required to use an online educational program titled ALEKS 360 (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces). This program can be used on any computer with Internet access. An access code for ALEKS 360 is required. The textbook is titled Elementary & Intermediate Algebra, 5th edition, by Baratto, © 2014, published by McGraw-Hill

SELECT:

- 1) ISBN 9780077843038 Elementary & Intermediate Algebra ALEKS 360 18wk Access Code, ALEKS 360 code (includes ebook) gives access for the semester
- 2) ISBN 9780073384467 Elementary and Intermediate Algebra Edition: 5th (TEXT ONLY, print version)
- 3) ISBN 9781259343728 Elementary & Intermediate Algebra (with ALEKS 360, 52 week Access Code), Combo package, print version text, ALEKS 360 (includes ebook) gives access to ALEKS for 52 weeks.
- 4) ISBN 9780077843052 Elementary & Intermediate Algebra (ALEKS 360 52 week Access Code), Standalone ALEKS 360 code (includes ebook) gives access to ALEKS for 52 weeks.

COURSE SCHEDULE, ASSIGNMENTS, ALEKS DUE DATES, and TEST and FINAL EXAM DATES

Refer to the handout on yellow paper. Place that handout in the front of your binder.

SUPPLIES

- One (1) three-ring binder (tabbed dividers are optional)
- Pencils and erasers. Consider using a highlighter or color pencils for note-taking.
- Paper for taking notes in class and for assignments
- Calculators may be used. Texas Instrument graphing calculator TI-83 is used in higher level courses. Only non-communications calculators may be used.

METHOD OF EVALUATION and GRADING SYSTEM

- **TESTS** - Three (3) in-class cumulative tests..... Each test is 20% of course grade.
No makeups or retakes. If a test is missed, the student's grade on the next cumulative test or the final exam will be used for the missed test.
- **ALEKS pie** 15% of course grade
*Students must successfully complete their ALEKS pie **before** Monday, Dec. 15, 2014 to earn the full 15% of the course grade. Otherwise, the grade for the pie will be proportional to the amount of the ALEKS pie successfully completed.*
- **FINAL EXAM will be given on Monday, May 18** 20% of course grade
The final exam is cumulative and mandatory. No makeup. No retake.
- **BINDER (NOTEBOOK), ASSIGNMENTS, ATTENDANCE** 5% of course grade
Keep all handouts, notes, assignments, practice tests, and tests in your three-ring binder. Work on assignments (homework) from the textbook regularly and work in ALEKS regularly. Seek assistance if the problems are not understood. All students are required to meet with Mrs. Stewart during the second week of classes.

ATTENDANCE

Students should attend all classes and labs, arrive on time, and remain for the duration of the class or lab meeting. It is the student's responsibility to request any missed work or assignments before the next class. After the first week of classes, students who arrive late will be seated in the classroom at the discretion of the instructor. Students who consistently arrive late, leave class early, or walk in and out of class cause a distraction which results in a disruption of the class environment and the learning process. (See "Student Behavior" below.)

- **Your numeric grade for the course will correspond to the letter grade:**
A (94–100), 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 (no basis for grade)

COLLEGE WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Monday, May 11, 2015 Last day to withdraw from classes. Withdraw at the Registrar's Office.

FREE TUTORING at TASC (Tutoring and Academic Success Center)

- TASC is located in room C-117, next to the Library (Learning Resource Center).
- TASC Phone: 860-215-9082, TASC Email: TASC@trcc.commnet.edu
- Weekly appointments or walk-in help, as available.
- Computer Lab, videos, textbooks and more!

CLASSROOM and COMPUTER LAB POLICIES

- Be respectful toward each person.
- No food or beverages in the COMPUTER LAB D219 per direction of the Information Technology Department.
- No food in the classroom D203.
- Cell phones and other similar electronic/digital devices must be silenced and put away during class and lab times. Do not use these devices in class or lab. A student using such a device during class or lab time will be marked absent from that class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require a student be available by such a device, the student must speak to the instructor prior to class, so that together they can arrive at an agreement.
- During computer lab time students are to work on material related only to this course, i.e., ALEKS software or homework assignments. It is expected that students will use quiet voices during lab times as they work with the instructor, tutor, and/or each other. Students who do not comply with these instructions will be dismissed from lab and marked absent.
- Only students registered for this course may be in the classroom or computer lab. Do not bring anyone into the classroom or computer lab.
- Student Behavior from the TRCC Student Handbook: *“The College has the right and responsibility to take appropriate action when a student's conduct directly and significantly interferes with the College's educational mission and the rights of others to pursue their educational objectives in an environment conducive to learning.”*

Such action will, at minimum, be the dismissal of the student from the remainder of class that day, marked absent, and any graded work from that day will be graded zero, F, with no possibility to make-up that work. All issues regarding student conduct will be referred to the Dean of Students, Campus Security, and the Chair of the Mathematics Department.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

At TRCC, we expect the highest standards of academic honesty. The Board of Trustees' Proscribed Conduct Policy prohibits cheating on examinations, unauthorized collaboration on assignments, unauthorized access to examinations or course materials, plagiarism. Each student is expected to demonstrate his/her knowledge of the subject matter on each in-class test, and the final exam. If a student is caught cheating on an in-class test or the final exam, the student will receive a grade of zero, F, and will not be allowed to make-up that work.

CLASS or SCHOOL CANCELLATION POLICY

- If class is cancelled by Mrs. Stewart: A notice will be placed on the classroom door. If time permits, students may be notified individually by e-mail.
- If class is cancelled by TRCC: Announcements on local radio and Conn. TV stations, college's home web page www.trcc.commnet.edu., or call the college's main phone number 860-915-2000 and follow the prompts. Notification will also be made by MyCommNet Alert:

MyCommNet Alert system enables college officials to communicate with students, staff, and faculty by sending a message through multiple contact methods including a **primary text**, a **primary cell phone**, **email address**, and **home phone**. Keep your contact methods updated at all times by accessing Banner Self-Service. These updates will indicate the methods that you wish to receive emergency notifications. For more information about how to update this information, please see: <https://websupport.ct.edu/content/how-do-i-update-mycommnet-alert-information>

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

If you have a disability or condition that may require academic adjustments, please meet with a college Disability Service Provider as soon as possible. You can make an appointment by calling **860-215-9017**, or stopping by **room A-119**. Please note that for academic adjustments, you are required to provide documentation of your disability.

DIGICATION

All students are required to maintain a learning portfolio in Digication that uses the (Three Rivers) College Template.