

Syllabus
Three Rivers Community College
MAT 095_Fall 2015 (CRN) 30350

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I will respond to your emails or postings within 36 hours Monday thru Friday. My weekends run from 4PM Friday till 8 AM Monday. I may be in touch with you on the weekends, but I can't promise.

In addition to seeing me during office hours or by appointment, we can also plan to video chat or simply talk over the telephone while I guide you through calculations or talk about concepts. BLACKBOARD has a virtual classroom feature as well, and I can send you a WEBEX invitation. So if one sort of communication does not work, we can always find another. Just let me know when you want to connect, and we can find a way to make that happen.

MAT*095 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

Use of Blackboard: A couple times a week, be sure to check www.my.commnet.edu for our course Mat 095 on your Blackboard website. Look for the following:
CONTENT you will see documents for general class procedures, rules, and when to do what.
Also under contents are the WEEKS 1-15. I will tell you what to focus on each week.
ANNOUNCEMENTS the title says it all.... I will remind you what is coming up.
SYLLABUS: just another copy of this document.

Software and Text: In this course we will use the software called ALEKS that is somewhat correlated with the Barrato text. An electronic copy of the text is available on the ALEKS software. Though you will probably not use the text for this course, except as a reference, you probably will want to purchase a hard copy of the text as a backup in the event your internet connection fails. You will also want the ALEKS software and a hard copy of the if you take Mat137 Intermediate Algebra, because it will be used by your teacher in the next math class Mat 137 Intermediate Algebra that you may be taking. If you purchase the software on the ALEKS website for \$105 you have the option (after purchasing) to buy a hard copy of the text in looseleaf notebook form for

\$12. I think this is the best deal. In the event you have trouble with internet service, it will be nice to be able to keep learning and doing problems out of a hard copy of the text.

When you sign up ALEKS at www.aleks.com, you will be asked to enter a **CLASS CODE**. The class code that connect you with me is

GWRFD – TKFAY

Calculator: You will need some calculating and graphing device. You can use any graphing calculator including free online calculators. If you are going to enroll in Mat 137 Intermediate Algebra or Mat 123 Basic Statistis, then you should obtain a Texas Instruments TI calculator (any model of the TI 84 or a TI 83 is fine). If you want to use a free online calculator, I recommend downloading the free “Microsoft Mathematics” . just do an internet search for the same.

Tutoring is in C117 by the library. Appointments fill up quickly, so call the tutor desk is 860-215-9082, as soon as you think you might want to engage a tutor on a regular basis. Walk in tutoring is on a space available basis.

Grading Policy: see the separate paper called “How will I be graded” in the CONTENT folder on Blackboard. The software program ALEKS will grade the work you do there, and I will post the corresponding number of points you earned each week on BLACKBOARD. You can earn as many as 100 points over the course of the semester. 93-100 pts is an A, 90-92 points is a B, 87-89 points is a B+, 83-86 pts is a B, 80-82 pts is B-, etc. Fewer than 60 points is an F.

Digication and General Education:

Each student has a subscription to DIGICATION, an electronic portfolio, that is active forever. As part of your general education requirements, you will upload your work from one of the class assignments (probably the semester project) onto DIGICATION for me to grade. More information and guidance will occur when the time comes.

College Withdrawal Policy and the N (no show) grade:

You may withdraw from this class any time up to and including May 12, and you will receive a W grade on your transcript. However, you must complete a withdrawal form in the Registrar’s Office at the time of withdrawal; if you merely stop attending classes before April 10, you will receive a grade of “N” which means “no show”. Financial aid students MAY have to reimburse the college for courses in which they have an N. If you do not take the final exam, you will receive a grade of F, regardless of the other work you do. No one’s signature other than your own is required on the Withdrawal form. However, I strongly suggest you discuss your withdrawal with me before you submit the forms so that we can discuss your status and your options. Financial aid students should also discuss withdrawal from a course with a financial aid counselor so that you know the monetary ramifications.

Disabilities Statement:

If you have a hidden or visible disability that may require classroom or test-taking modifications, please see me as soon as possible so arrangements can be made. If you have not already done so, please contact the Learning Specialist, Chris Scarborough, at 860-892-5751 to obtain the proper accommodation credentials.

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is essential to an education. Failure to act with academic integrity severely limits a person's ability to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Furthermore, academic dishonesty erodes the legitimacy of every degree awarded by the College. Collaboration is encouraged on many assignments such as project/discussion board assignments and homework. Working with others can be a good way to learn. Also, Tutors and I are available to help you.

The In-class final exam are considered individual work and must be completed without unauthorized assistance of any kind, including help of other students, tutors, unauthorized technology or notes. All test material is to be turned in with the test paper. Attempting to bring work out of the testing area and/or share that work with other students is consider cheating. Cheating on tests, misrepresentation of attendance, falsifying records, or lying will result in loss of credit for all work involved.

I encourage you to take the Tests on ALEKS under test conditions as much as possible:

- Do the test in 1 sitting.
- Do not use any notes, the text, internet search, or do not ask a person for help.

A full copy of the college's academic integrity policy is in the school's catalog and in the student handbook.

Emergency Closings or class cancellations

If the college administrators decide to issue an emergency school closing, you can receive immediate notifications if you go to My.Commnet.edu and register for the mycommnet.ALERT. You will then receive phone or text messages as soon as a closing is announced. The Alert is more reliable than my email, since sometimes I lose internet service during a storm. If I am going to cancel office hours while school is in session, I will email everyone.

YOUR CAN FIND YOUR FINAL GRADE by DEC 28 ON www.MY.COMMNET.EDU - look for your UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT.