

Syllabus Math 095 Elementary Algebra Foundations
Three Rivers Community College, Thames Campus, Norwich, Connecticut 06360

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Course Title: MAT 095 Elementary Algebra Foundations

CRN: 10828 Mohegan Campus Monday in SB025 and Wednesday in SB063, 12:30-1:50

CRN 10765 Thames Campus Tuesday in 214E and Thursday in 224E, 10:30-11:50

You are welcome to come to either the MW or the TTH class or both.

Credits: 3 Semester Hours. The 3 credits do not count toward a degree since they are pre-college credits.

Class meets 10:30-11:50 in room 102 on Tuesdays and in room 224E on Thursdays at the Thames Campus from January 23, 2007 until May 10, 2007 according to the college calendar.

Emergency closings are posted on the college website: www.trcc.commnet.edu, recorded on the college phone 860-886-0177, or broadcast on TV or radio. If a delay of “n” hours is announced, count the hours since 8 AM, the start of the first class. (so a 2-hour delay means that classes beginning at or after 10AM will meet.) To the extent that I am able, I will post cancellation notices, both school wide and for our class only, on VistaWebCT, so be sure to check Vista to see if classes or office hours are cancelled.

Course Description This course extends the basic algebra skills acquired in MATH 075. The topics include: exponents, polynomials, factoring, graphing, systems of linear equations, inequalities, radicals and scientific notation. Prerequisite: MATH 075, its equivalent, or acceptable placement test score.

Required Materials 1) *Beginning Algebra* 4th ed.-by Elayn Martin-Gay

2) MyMathLab Student Access Code (comes free with new book, or can be purchased in the bookstore or for \$55 online at www.coursecompass.com) The MyMathLab software has the textbook, the homework and videos online. MyMathLab runs through the internet. If you do not have internet at home, you will have to use the TRCC computers to do your homework. The Course Number for MyMathLab is **DECKER08034**

A calculator is not required, but I **strongly recommend** that you begin to learn to use a graphing calculator such as the TI-89, TI-84 (or TI-83).

Grading Policy

A student will receive one of the following grades: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F, W, I, P, or Audit. Determination of your grade will be based on the following:

Four tests each worth 100 points
Comprehensive final exam 200
MyMathLab homework 100
Other grading opportunities 50
(quizzes, projects, in-class work, problem sets, These can not be “made up” if you miss class.)

Your semester grade will be the sum of your points divided by the total of 750. A final exam grade of 50% is necessary, though not sufficient to earn a C or better.

Grade Equivalents

A	93 - 100	C+	77 - 79
A-	90 - 92	C	73 - 76
		C-	70 - 72
B+	87 - 89		
B	83 - 86	D+	67 - 69
B-	80 - 82	D	63 - 66
		D-	60 - 62
		F	59 or lower

Please note that a grade of C or better is required to go on to Math 137, Intermediate Algebra. A passing grade of D- or better is required to go on to Math 135, Math in Today's World.

Withdrawal Policy A “drop or withdrawal” from the course will be accepted through the 10th week of classes in accordance with the designated withdrawal deadlines. This year, the withdrawal deadline is April 29, 2008. Students need to fill out the special withdrawal form available at the registrar's office. **The Instructor does not need to sign the withdrawal form.** Withdrawals are processed only through the Registrar's Office at (860) 892-5756 or the Subase at (860) 445-5575. **Students who do not withdraw, but stop attending will be assigned an "F".**

Disabilities Statement If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact the disabilities Counseling Services at 383-3240. To avoid any delay in the receipt of accommodations, you should contact the counselor as soon as possible. Please note that I cannot provide accommodations based upon disability until I have received an accommodation letter from the disabilities counselor.