

Spring semester 2008

## **MATH 095 Elementary Algebra Foundations**

Three Rivers Community College—Norwich, CT 06360

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### Course Description

This course extends the basic algebra skills acquired in Math 075. The topics include signed numbers, solving first-degree equations, exponents, polynomials, factoring, graphing, systems of linear equations, inequalities, radicals, and scientific notation. (Course does not count towards the minimum requirements for graduation.)

### Instructional Materials:

*Beginning Algebra*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, by K. Elayn Martin-Gay

### Assignments and Grading:

- A. You are expected to complete the weekly homework. Homework will not be collected but will be discussed in class. **You** are responsible for understanding the topics covered. (Get a tutor in the Learning Resource Center for help.)
  
- B. There will be several scheduled tests plus a final exam. **No makeup tests will be given.** In addition, unannounced quizzes will be evaluated instead of homework. The total of up to 10 of your best quizzes may be substituted for one test. **You must pass the final exam to pass the course.**

### Expectations & Suggestions for Success:

1. **YOU** are the one responsible for finding out what is covered if you miss class.
2. Share phone numbers with other students to find out about anything you miss.
3. **BEFORE** you get lost or fall behind, sign up for extra help—it's free to registered students.
4. This is a pre-requisite for other math classes; we will move rapidly, so keep up—don't cram.

### College Withdrawal Policy:

You have until April 29 to formally withdraw from classes. If you just stop attending class without officially withdrawing, you will not receive credit for the course. Be responsible.

### Disability Statement:

If you have a question regarding a disability that may affect your progress in this course, please contact one of the college's Disabilities Service Providers as soon as possible. Chris Scarborough (892-5751) generally works with students who have learning disabilities or ADHD. Judy Hilburger (8902-5744) generally works with students who have physical, visual, hearing, medical, mobility, and psychiatric disabilities. Matt Liscum (383-5249) also works with students who have disabilities. Your instructor will not provide accommodations without a memo from one of the counselors.