

Syllabus Math 095 Elementary Algebra Foundations  
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Course Title: MAT 095 Elementary Algebra Foundations CRN 31016

Credits: 3 Semester Hours, that do not count toward a degree since they are pre-college credits.  
Class meets on the Thames Campus, from 1 to 2:15 Tuesdays in 214E, Thursdays in E210 according to the college calendar. Note that classes are in NOT session on Columbus Day, but they are in session on Nov 11 and Nov 25, 2008.

Emergency closings are posted on the college website: [www.trcc.commnet.edu](http://www.trcc.commnet.edu), and recorded on the college phone 860-886-0177, and broadcast on TV or radio. I will hold class when the college is open. However, I realize that different snow conditions exist in different towns, so you must make your own decision if it is safe to travel or not. For cancellation due to storms or illness, I will post a class cancellation notice on VistaBlackboard, 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* 5<sup>th</sup> ed.-by Elayn Martin-Gay

2) MyMathLab Student Access Code (comes free with new book, or can be purchased in the bookstore or for \$60 online at [www.coursecompass.com](http://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 be able to use the TRCC computers to do your homework. The Course Number for MyMathLab is **DECKER05156**

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), or the TInspire. A graphing calculator is required in your next math class.

## 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	125 points
Comprehensive final exam	250
MyMathLab work	150
Other grading opportunities	100 (quizzes, projects, in-class work, problem sets.....)
In-class work cannot be "made up" if you miss class.)	
TOTAL POINTS: 1000	

Your semester grade will be the sum of your points divided by 10. A final exam grade of at least 50% is necessary, though not sufficient to earn a C or better.

## Grade Equivalents

A	930 – 1000points	C+	770 -790
A-	900 - 920	C	730 - 760
		C-	700 - 720
B+	870 - 890		
B	830 - 860	D+	670 - 690
B-	800 - 820	D	630 – 660
		D-	600 –620
		F	590 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 10<sup>th</sup> week of classes in accordance with the designated withdrawal deadlines. This semester, the withdrawal deadline is Dec. 15, 2009. 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". **If you cannot attend class for a period of time, please contact me so we can try to make arrangements for you to possibly finish the course or receive an Incomplete.**

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 a letter from the disabilities counselor.

Academic Integrity: You are expected to do your own work on exams and quizzes, without any written notes or texts. You may receive help and work collaboratively on homework and other grading opportunities provided you understand the work you submit in the end. I will enforce college policies on academic dishonesty and plagiarism as stated in the college catalogue.