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Email Policy:  
A valid email account is required for the MML online homework program and for communications from the instructor. You may use any personal email account or the account provided to you by MSU (first.last.mmdd@students.mwsu.edu).

Text:  
*A Graphical Approach to College Algebra*, by Hornsby, Lial and Rockswold, 5th edition (Hard copy optional, electronic access and MyMathLab required)

Prerequisites:  
Math 1003 or a satisfactory score on a placement exam. This course is designed for students planning to take additional mathematics.

Technology:  
A graphing calculator is required for this course. I will be using a TI-84Plus, however other brands or models are acceptable. MyMathLab is also a required portion of the course.

Attendance:  
You are expected to attend every class meeting, to be in your seat when class begins, and to remain (both physically and mentally) for the entire period. If you miss a class, arrive late or leave early, please inform me of your need to do so. A student who misses 4 classes may be dropped from this class with an “F”.

Cell phones and pagers must be turned off and put away during class

Disability Policy:  
In accordance with the law, MSU provides academic accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Students with disabilities must be registered with Disability Support Services before classroom accommodations can be provided. The DSS Office is located in Clark Student Center, Room 168, phone 397-4140.

*Students should refer to the current MSU Student Handbook and Activities Calendar for university policies on academic dishonesty, class attendance, student rights and activities.*

Free Math Help Sessions  
Come-and-Go  
Mondays through Thursdays 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Fridays 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Bolin Hall, Room 101

You can bring specific questions, or simply work on homework or reviews, asking questions as necessary. This is also a good place for study groups to get together.
Grades:
Homework is required and will be completed through MyMathLab (MML). Your top 28 scores (out of 32 assignments) will be used in determining your homework percentage. This percentage will comprise 20% of your course grade. Assignments must be submitted by 11:59 pm of the due date. Any changes to the schedule will be announced in class and recorded on the MML website. If there is a discrepancy between MML and the class calendar, the MML date is binding.

There will be 4 exams, each worth 15% of your course grade, as well as a required comprehensive final exam worth 20%. No make-up exams will be given. Each student may replace the lowest exam grade with the earned percentage from the final exam.

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MyMathLab is installed in the computer labs in Bolin 103 and 109, and in the Clark Student Center, Library, Dillard, and Bea Wood buildings. You may also choose to use your personal computer; however, you will need to download (free) necessary plug-ins. Online homework problems may be printed, and the answers entered at a later time. Homework problems are also available from the book but these will not be graded. The assigned problems represent a minimum number of problems to be worked. You are strongly encouraged to work additional problems.

Goals for College Algebra

The main purpose of the College Algebra course (Math 1233) at Midwestern State University is to provide students with a solid foundation in algebra to adequately prepare them for future courses in mathematics, more precisely Plane Trigonometry or PreCalculus and subsequently Calculus I. College Algebra is specifically designed for students seeking the Bachelor of Science degree, although some students in other fields take it as a terminal course.

Goal 1: Problem solving
Students will further develop problem solving and logical reasoning skills through the investigation of real world situations, with an emphasis on model creation and interpretation. This universal goal will be infused throughout the College Algebra curriculum.

Goal 2: Functions and Equations
College Algebra will strengthen students’ mastery of algebraic and quantitative techniques necessary for problem solving and mathematical modeling in the study of other disciplines.

Goal 3: Communication
College Algebra will improve students’ ability to communicate mathematical ideas clearly in oral and written form.

Goal 4: Technology
College Algebra will develop students’ ability to use technology appropriately for understanding and doing mathematics.

(The objectives for each goal are available upon request)

These goals are modeled in part on the report from the Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics from the Mathematical Association of America.