Fall 2015 - Math 105 Course Syllabus

Instructor Information

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Textbook:  
Algebra and Trigonometry by Beecher, Penna, Bittinger (Pearson), ISBN 978-1256-12-4139. Not required as you will have access to the e-book. The ebook allows you to link to learning aids including videos, study tips, chapter reviews, etc.

You will not need to purchase any materials for this course other than a 3-ring binder (2”).

Attendance: You are expected to attend every lecture and lab session and to arrive on time. Attendance will be taken. For each absence over 2, 1% will be deducted from your overall grade (2 tardies or early leaves = 1 absence).

Exams: There will be 5 exams (4 hourly exams plus a common final). No make-up exams are given without prior approval. No exam scores will be dropped.

Homework: Most homework will be submitted into MyLabsPlus. Be sure to pay close attention to the assignment calendar so you won’t miss a closing date. Keeping track of due dates is YOUR responsibility.

Quizzes: Unlike a homework, an online quiz must be completed and SUBMITTED before it is graded. Quizzes are done in lab. They are proctored and no calculators or other resources are allowed. Some quizzes maybe paper quizzes.

Calculators: This class has a no calculator policy. Occasionally MLP will ask for a decimal approximation, but that will never be asked on a test. It is highly recommended you do not use a calculator when doing homework, since it will only put you at a disadvantage for exams.

Incomplete: University policy does not permit any instructor to give an incomplete unless the following circumstances apply:
1. The student has a mitigating reason for not finishing the course.
2. The student’s course grade exceeds the cut – off used to earn a final grade of C (70%).
**Grading:** Course grades are based on a 100-90(A), 89.99-80(B), 79.99-70(C), 69.99-60(D)…% scale

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There will be no curving, extra credit, or bonus points given in this course, so be sure to keep track of your grade on MyLabsPlus throughout the semester. The only exception is some tests may have a bonus question for extra credit.

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Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. **It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering emergency.** The Building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.