

Math 107 – Summer 2015

Section: 950 (online)

**Instructor Information**

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**Textbook:** Intermediate Algebra – Custom Edition for Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, by Lial, Hornsby, McGinnis, ISBN 1-256-14623-4, Eleventh Edition. (NOT REQUIRED)

**First and foremost is that computer access is required!! This means you need access to not only a computer but also the internet.**

**Access to MyLabsPlus:** Approximately 75% of the Course Assignments will be submitted into MyLabsPlus, starting with homework # 1. You can access the textbook while in MyLabsPlus.

**The purchase of the textbook is Optional but recommended. Access to MyLabsPlus is REQUIRED for all students enrolled in Math 107. *Math 107 Course notes* are needed as they are necessary to follow the online lectures. Math 107 course notes can be purchased either in person at the SIU bookstore or 710 book store or ordered and mailed to you from the bookstore by online ordering.**

**Attendance:** Being an online course does not mean waiting till the very end of the course to do everything. There is homework assigned daily as well as worksheets and quizzes all time related. **Each assignment has a due date that if missed will result in a zero being given for that assignment.**

**Exams:** There will be 3 exams and a final. If you miss an exam and **have a verifiable reason for missing**, you will be allowed to make up the exam, **but with an automatic 25% deduction.** If you have to miss an exam, contact me in advance. This is extremely important as all of your tests are given via proctor with the help of testing services here at SIU. **It is YOUR responsibility as a student to find yourself a proctor or make arrangements with testing services BEFORE the first exam. It takes about a week for testing services to verify proctors so do not wait till the last moment. It is best to find a proctor before the term begins.**

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

**Worksheets 1-10** will be assigned and are due periodically. **No late worksheets will be accepted!!! You can submit them either by scanning them in or sending them to my campus mail via the math office.**

**Quizzes:** Eight quizzes will be submitted online. Be sure to pay close attention to the **assignment calendar** so that you won't miss a closing date. Problems in My Labs Plus are pooled and regenerated, so study all the appropriate sections thoroughly. The best way to make sure you do not miss an assignment is to check the calendar **EVERYDAY!** *Note: The lowest Worksheet and Quiz grade will be dropped!*

**Reading Assignments:** If you choose not to purchase the textbook, the relevant sections are still available in MyLabsPlus to read. Here you will find access to an e-book, which is filled with demonstrations and tools that will improve your learning. You need to read all sections because it will help you with material that you might not have understood when it was explained in class.

The lectures are all online in mylabsplus on the toolbar. Each lecture tells you which homework it goes with so you can easily keep up. The lectures are fairly short and follow along with the course notes.

**Notebook:** Next to the MyLabsPlus, the most important "tool" is your notebook. I suggest one notebook for everything: lecture notes, homework, exam reviews, etc.

**Calculators:** This class has a "NO CALCULATOR" policy. Very rarely will MyLabsPlus ask you for a decimal approximation, but that will not be asked on tests. **It is highly recommended that you do not use a calculator when doing homework, since it will only put you at a disadvantage for exams.**

**Recent Finals:** Go to [www.math.siu.edu](http://www.math.siu.edu) then click on "Courses", "Recent Final Exams", and "Math 107".

**Getting help:** Many of you will have to put in 8-10 hours a week to reach mastery level. There is plenty of help in MLP (you will see a link to learning aids alongside each HW problem). Tutoring is offered in the Neckers computer lab room 258,278 8:50-3:50) and in Neckers COS tutoring area ( Monday-Thursday 1-4 pm).

If you send me a question, I will answer it by solving and sending to you a scan copy of my answer. Lecture videos are found on mylabsplus for each homework.

**Grading:** Course grades are based on a 100, 92, 82, 72, 60 ...% scale.

Approximate points:

Assignment	#	Points	Total
Homeworks	30	5 each	150
Worksheets	9	10 each	90
Quizzes	7	10 each	70
Tests	3		250
	Test 1	50	
	Test 2	100	
	Test 3	100	
Final	1	200	200
Total			760

Note: Math 107 does not count toward any degree program, but **the grade earned in the course is calculated into the overall GPA.**

**Incomplete:** University policy does not permit any instructor to give an incomplete unless the following circumstances apply:

- The student has a mitigating reason for not finishing the course.
- The student's course grade exceeds the cut – off used to earn a final grade of C (72%).

### **Why is this class important?**

The 3 hours of credit (for this course) do not count toward your degree, but may be the 3 most important credits you earn. This course is the prerequisite for Math 108 and other courses that follow. Success in mathematics is based on mastering basic skills. This is your semester for mastery.

\*\* Keep in mind that the syllabus is contingent on some factors beyond the instructor's control, and if necessary, the instructor may need to modify it to fit the needs of the class (even after the start date of the course).

Emergency Procedures: Southern Illinois University Carbondale is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for study and work. Because some health and safety circumstances are beyond our control, we ask that you become familiar with the SIUC Emergency Response Plan and Building Emergency Response Team (BERT program). Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, available on BERT's website at [www.bert.siu.edu](http://www.bert.siu.edu), Department of Safety's website [www.dps.siu.edu](http://www.dps.siu.edu) (disaster drop down) and in Emergency Response Guideline pamphlet. Know how to respond to each type of emergency.

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.

Assignment Calendar

June 2015						
<b>Monday</b> 15 Class begins	<b>Tuesday</b> 16	<b>Wednesday</b> 17 HW-1,2 Quiz 1	<b>Thursday</b> 18	<b>Friday</b> 19 WS-1	<b>Saturday</b> 20	<b>Sunday</b> 21 HW-3,4,5
22 Quiz 2	23	24 HW-6,7,8	25 Quiz 3	26	27	28 HW-9,10,11
29	30					

**July**

		1 HW-12 Test 1	2 Test 1	3 WS - 2	4	5 HW-13,14
6 Quiz 4 WS-3	7	8 HW-15,16	9 Quiz 5	10	11	12 HW-17,18
13 Quiz 6 WS-4	14	15 HW-19,20	16 WS-5 Test 2	17 Test 2	18	19 HW-21,22
20 WS-6	21	22 HW- 23,24	23 Quiz 6 WS-7	24	25	26 HW-25,26 WS-8
27	28	29 HW- 27,28	30 Quiz 8 Test 3	31 Test 3		

**August**

					1	2 HW-29,30 WS-9
3	4 WS-10	5	6 Final Exam	7	8	9

**Important dates**

- 1) Last day to drop the course with refund – Sunday, June 28
- 2) Independent day – Friday, July 3

- 3) Last day to drop the course with reg. office – Friday, July 17
- 4) Last day to drop with Salukinet – Sunday, July 19
- 5) Final Exam – Thursday, August 6