

**Math 201 Prealgebra
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Textbook: Prealgebra, 4th edition, by McKeague. Chapters 1-3 and 5-7
Your text comes with a CD that has video clips for each section. These are great lessons for reviewing what we did in class. They also work well for when you have to miss class (but don't miss class!).

Other materials: Scientific calculator, notebook or binder

Recommended: Sign up for Math 205 (in the Math Lab-Annex 120) OR use the drop in tutoring services in the tutorial center (Annex 108). Either one will help you to be disciplined about getting your homework done on time. As an added incentive, if you complete math 205 (24 hours over the semester) you will get 20 bonus points!

The Work

The Homework

You will complete a homework assignment from the textbook for each section. The homework assignment for each section will usually be “**every other odd**” starting with problem 1. That is, do the problems in each lesson following this pattern: 1, 5, 9, 13, 17... until the end. Show your work in a well organized manner. Label all assignments with your name and the section number. Homework papers should be stapled. If you tear pages out of a spiral notebook, please remove the frilly edges before turning it in.

Homework for the week will be collected in class on Fridays. You must turn in the homework by the deadline. **No late homework will be accepted.** Homework will be graded on a credit/no credit basis. I will be checking to see if it is complete and well organized. I will not correct it, that is your job. The answers are in the back of the book. If you cannot figure out how to get the right answer, you should talk to me, ask another student or get help from the Math Lab or tutorial staff. You may miss one homework assignment without penalty. The total of all homework assignments will be 100 points.

Quizzes and Miscellaneous Assignments

We may have quizzes periodically, often at the end of a chapter. In-class quizzes will always be announced ahead of time. If you are in class, you will hear about upcoming quizzes. I may also assign a few take-home quizzes or assignments during the semester. The total of all these will be 100 points.

Tests

We will have three tests this semester. One test on Chapters 1 & 2, one on Chapters 3 & 5, and one on chapter 6. Chapter 7 material will be only be on the final exam. You may not use a calculator on Test 1 or Test 2. You will be allowed to use a calculator on the third test. **I do not give make-up tests.** If for some reason you are unable to take a test you must make arrangements with me ahead of time. Each test will be worth 100 points.

Final Exam

The final exam will be **from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 8**. It will be comprehensive, so it will cover all the material from the whole semester.

Important Things to Remember

- when you need help ASK!!!! Ask me or ask the student beside you—but ASK!
- you will need to **work outside of class for at least 6 hours per week**
- if you don't keep up with the homework you won't get credit for the work
- if you don't keep up with the homework you will have difficulty on the tests
- Lots of help is available—office hours, Math Lab, tutorial center, other students...
- The number one reason for dropping is getting behind
- The number one reason for getting behind is missing class
- The number two reason for getting behind is not doing the homework when assigned

Grading:

Points:	Homework	100 points	Grading scale: 90% or more of points =>A
	Quiz & Misc	100 points	80%--89% of points =>B
	3 Tests @ 100	300 points	70%--79% of points =>C
	<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>200 points</u>	60%--69% of points =>D
	Total	700 points	below 60% of points =>F