

MAC 1105: Basic College Algebra (Section 1A26, Fall 2017)

1 Instructor Information

Meeting time/place: MTWF Period 7 - 1:55 pm - 2:45 pm (MAT 117)

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2 Course Materials

Canvas is your main resource for this course. It is where you will access the materials listed below as well as your grades, emails, and other information. You can access Canvas by going to elearning.ufl.edu and then using your Gatorlink username and password to login.

1. **MyMathLab (required):** MyMathLab (MML) is a companion website for the course textbook. Be sure to allow pop-ups when using MML. You will complete homework and short quizzes for the course in MML. Grades from MML will be imported into the canvas gradebook. When the grades are updated you will be notified via email.
To acquire MML click on the steps posted in Canvas. Do NOT go to the bookstore or anywhere else to gain access. Follow these steps. It does cost money to access MML. This only needs to be done once.
2. **Textbook (optional):** College Algebra, 11th edition, by Lial. You do NOT need to purchase a hard copy of the book, but you may if you wish. You will have access to an electronic version of the text (ebook) through MML.
After you have acquired MML, to access for the remainder of the course go to Canvas, click the MyLab and Mastering link in the sidebar, and then click either MyMathLab All Assignments (to access only assignments) or MyMathLab with Pearson eText Course Home (to access both ebook and assignments).
3. **Student Guide (recommended but not required):** PDFs of the lecture notes are available on Canvas, but a bound hard copy of all the lecture notes is available for purchase at Target Copy on University Ave.

Prerequisites and Calculator policy: This course assumes prior knowledge of intermediate algebra (which often goes by the name Algebra 2). Students should be able to do arithmetic without a calculator. Some homework might ask you to use a calculator but you will not be allowed to use a calculator during the in-class quizzes and exams.

3 Grade Overview

Module homeworks and quizzes: Homework is absolutely critical to your success in this course. Mathematics is not a spectator sport; the only way to learn how to do mathematics is to practice it! Homework assignments and quizzes will be posted regularly on MyMathLab. Each assignment will be graded both for completeness and correctness. For each module, in order to be able to take the quiz, you must receive at least 80% on the homework for that module. Your lowest 2 homework scores and lowest 2 quiz scores will be dropped.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given regularly during class time to ensure that you are keeping up with the material covered in class and on the homework. There will be 10 quizzes given. The content of the quizzes will be announced in class. Your lowest 2 quiz scores will be dropped.

Exams: There will be four midterm exams given during the semester. Your lowest exam score will be dropped. The exams will be given in class, on the following dates:

Exam 1	Wed. Sept. 13
Exam 2	Wed. Oct. 4
Exam 3	Wed. Oct. 25
Exam 4	Wed. Nov. 15

Final exam: The final exam will be a comprehensive (cumulative) final covering all material studied during the semester. This exam will take place during the appropriate exam period of finals week, December 9-15.

Class Participation: Daily attendance in class is expected. Your class participation grade will be based on both your attendance and your active involvement in class discussions and activities.

Make-up Policy: MyMathLab assignments, in-class quizzes, and class participation cannot be made up or submitted late. If you know you are going to miss an exam for a valid reason, you must inform the instructor and bring documentation at least one week before the exam; if you unexpectedly miss an exam for a valid reason, you must inform the instructor and bring documentation within one week of the exam.

4 Grade Distribution

The course grade is based on 500 points. Add up your points, then use the scale below to determine your letter grade. Your course grade is determined by the number of points you have and will be strictly enforced. Within one-half of a point (not percent) or above will be rounded up to the nearest point.

MyMathLab Module Assignments	100 points
Quizzes	80 points
Exams	225 points
Final Exam	75 points
Class Participation	20 points
Total	500 points

This grade will then be converted to a letter grade using the following grading scale:

- A = 450-500 points (90%)
- A- = 435-449 points (87%)
- B+ = 420-434 points (84%)
- B = 400-419 points (80%)
- B- = 385-399 points (77%)
- C+ = 370-384 points (74%)
- C = 350-369 points (70%)
- C- = 335-349 points (67%)
- D+ = 320-334 points (64%)
- D = 300-319 points (60%)
- D- = 285-299 points (57%)
- E = 0-284 points

Note: Any grade lower than C does not give Gordon Rule or General Education credit. Extra assignments for individual students to improve a grade are not possible. There will be no review of disputed points at the end of the semester. **All grade concerns must be settled within one week of the return of the assignment.** For a complete explanation of current policies for assigning grade points, refer to the UF undergraduate catalog: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>.

5 General Information

Ways to Get Help

There are many resources available to help you succeed in the course. In addition to your instructor, resources include:

1. The Teaching Center Math Lab, located at SE Broward Hall, is a tutorial service staffed by trained math and science students to provide help with your questions and homework. Tutors will be glad to provide guidance on specific problems after you have attempted them on your own. You may want to attend different hours to find the tutors with whom you feel most comfortable. You can also request free one-on-one tutoring. Check the webpage, <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/> for a map of the location, tutoring hours, and more. All students are encouraged to use the resources of the Broward teaching center.

2. The LIT 215 Math Lab is located in Little Hall and is open Monday-Friday, 9:35 am to 4:00 pm. It is staffed by Broward tutors and mathematics graduate students. You can go there to study and to ask any questions you may have.
3. Office of Academic Support offers free one-on-one and small group tutoring sessions to any UF students. See <http://oas.aa.ufl.edu/programs/tutoring/> for details.
4. UF Counseling Center provides information and workshops on developing Math Confidence. The center also offers counseling support in case of issues with academics, adjusting to the stress of college life, or personal challenges. Please use this resource before you get overwhelmed! You may contact the center at <http://counseling.ufl.edu/>.
5. Textbooks and solutions manuals are located at the reserve desks at Marston Science Library.
6. Private Tutors: If after considering all of these aids, you feel you need more help, a list of qualified tutors for hire is available at <http://www.math.ufl.edu/files/tutorlistSpring2016.pdf>.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students requesting class and exam accommodations must first register with the Dean of Students Office Disability Resource Center (DRC). Information about the DRC is available at www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/. The DRC will provide a documentation letter to the student to present to the course instructor. This must be done as early as possible in the semester (i.e. at least 7 business days before the first exam), so there is adequate time to make proper accommodations.

Academic Honesty Policy

All University of Florida students are bound by the Honor Pledge, which states:

We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code.

As such, on all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either explicitly required or implied:

On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.

You should read and familiarize yourself with the Honor Code, available at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>. It specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation, and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor.