

MAT 1540 – College Algebra Winter 2009

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MAT 1540 PREREQUISITE: MAT 1150 (or equivalent college transfer course) with a “C” or better within the last three years or **COMPASS** math placement test results appropriate for this course within the last two years.

OFFICE HOURS: **M** 8:00 – 9:00
T 8:00 – 8:30; 12:30 – 1:00; 1:00 – 2:00 (**Math lab**)
W 8:00 – 9:00; 1:00 - 1:30
Th 8:00 – 8:30

GRADING SCALE: 90 - 100 A 70 – 79 C 0 – 59 F
80 – 89 B 60 – 69 D

Plus and minus grades are given at the discretion of the instructor.

EVALUATION: There will be 5 tests and a final exam. The final is cumulative and will count 20% of your total grade.

Course Goals that Include General Education Attributes:

- ❖ To solve problems analytically, systematically and insightfully
- ❖ To be technologically and scientifically literate

MISSING A TEST: If you miss an exam, a score of zero is recorded for your grade. If an emergency occurs, call me **BEFORE** your class meets. Email is not considered a phone call request. If you have a valid excuse, we will discuss the options available to you. You may be asked to document your emergency and/or illnesses. This is possible one time only.

W or I GRADE: Do **NOT** stop attending class without discussing it with me. If you do, you will receive an "F". A grade of "I" is reserved for very exceptional circumstances. Faculty can give only a "WP" (withdrawal passing) and a "WF"(withdrawal failing). To receive a WP or WF you must **sign** an agreement with me. To receive a "W", you must drop with the registrar by **Friday, April 10, 2009**.

ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments will be given every class meeting. Generally, I assign the odd- numbered problems. The rule of thumb for success in College Algebra is 2 hours of preparation for 1 hour of lecture. For additional help, feel free to meet with me during my office hours. Also, you can receive help in the Math Assistance Area, **B123** at Royal Oak, or inside the **ASC** at Southfield.

GRAPHING CALCULATOR: A graphing calculator is required for Mat 1540.

TI 83, 83 plus, 84 or 84 plus is preferred. The TI 89 or TI 92 or any calculator that can do partial fractions and functional derivatives and integrals is not allowed in the classroom.

STUDENT INSTRUCTOR: John Lydick will be the student instructor for MAT 1540. John will offer a study session from 8:00 – 8:30 and from 9:30 – 10:30 each week before class. During this time John can assist students with homework problems and offer additional examples of concepts that are being taught.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE: Please be prepared to sit for two hours. It is very disruptive to leave the room during lecture. **ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND STOWED AWAY DURING CLASS TIME.** If you are going to be texting, checking your messages or going into the hall to make or receive calls, then you are in the wrong class.

ABSENTEISM: Please get the phone numbers or email addresses of **TWO** students in the class to contact when you have missed class. I am not available to return phone calls or answer emails regarding home work assignments, work sheets, or material on exams.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY will not be tolerated. I expect you to be completely ethical when taking all exams. This means that each student must do his own work. If you give or receive an answer on an exam you will receive an “F” in the course. It is up to my discretion to determine if a student is cheating.

ADA Notification Students requiring special assistance (including those affected by the Americans with Disabilities Act) should contact the ACCESS office at 248-246-2480 at RO.