

College of Southern Nevada (CSN)

Distance Education Math 95 Online

Syllabus for Summer 2009

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Course Description and Objectives

Math 95, Elementary Algebra is designed to prepare students for Math 96, Intermediate Algebra. In order to take Math 95, you must have completed Math 93 with a grade of C or better or a satisfactory ACT/SAT/CSN Placement Test score. (Note: a grade of C- in Math 93 does NOT meet the prerequisite to enter Math 95). Math 95 is a course in the fundamental operations of real numbers and linear equations in one variable. Upon completion of Math 95, students should be able to:

- 1) [Work with real numbers, exponents and polynomial arithmetic.](#)
- 2) [Solve linear equations and inequalities.](#)
- 3) [Setup and solve word problems using linear equations.](#)
- 4) [Factor polynomials and solve quadratic equations by factoring.](#)
- 5) [Understand and solve absolute value equations and inequalities.](#)
- 6) [Graph linear equations in two variables.](#)
- 7) [Apply and extend any concepts learned in this course.](#)

Course Materials and Online Setup

This course is NOT setup in WEBCT 6.0 or WEBCT 4.0. You will NOT be using WEBCT as the online environment for this course. You will be using CourseCompass.com. You must REGISTER for this course on CourseCompass.com.

**Registering on
CourseCompass.com**

[HELP WITH REGISTERING LINK \(Click Here\)](#)

You will need three things to register for this course:

- 1) **Course ID:** [johnson32238](#)
- 2) **Access Code:** Purchased with book or separately online.
- 3) **Valid Email:** Your preferred email address.

Course Textbook	<p>Beginning and Intermediate Algebra, 4th Edition Authors: Margaret Lial, John Hornsby and Terry McGinnis ISBN: 0-321-44233-4</p> <p>You are NOT required to purchase a textbook for this course. The textbook is online. Yet you must somehow purchase the Access Code stated above. You can buy the Access Code online for about 55 dollars (the same Access Code can be used if you take Math 96 online using CourseCompass) or you can buy a new book with the Access Code packaged with it. Note, you cannot buy a used book and obtain an Access Code. Only new books contain an Access Code. The Access Code is located in new books inside a MyMathLab packet.</p>
Homework	<p>The homework for each section must be completed at a score of 80% or better before you are allowed to begin the homework for the next section. Homework is the most important part of this course, yet the scores on your HW do not directly contribute to your grade. You should keep all your notes from the HW and exams in a Course Notebook. This Course Notebook will not be graded, but will serve as a study reference and can be used on the Final Exam. You can go back and work on any HW you have already completed (even after the due date). This can help you review for exams.</p>
Exams	<p>There will be four online chapter exams and a hand-written Final Exam taken at one of the CSN Testing Centers. All exams are equally weighted at 20% of your grade. Do not begin an exam online unless you are sure you are ready. You cannot access any other webpage or application while taking your exams. If you do, you will be disconnected from the exam. If you are disconnected you must IMMEDIATELY reenter the exam. If you cannot immediately reenter the exam you must contact me by email or phone. If you do not contact me, and I see an exam has been disconnected and reentered on a different day or hours afterward, I must give you the grade of "0" for that exam. You must finish all the HW leading up to an exam with at least 80% accuracy before you are allowed to take the exam. Pay careful attention to the exam deadlines. Do not wait until the last minute to take your exams. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to exam deadlines for any reason including technical problems. If you have technical problems while taking an exam at the LAST MINUTE then this is not a valid excuse for extending the deadline. All exams are due BEFORE 12:00AM midnight on the due date. This means if you start your exam at 11:30PM on the due date, you will only have 30 minutes to complete the exam instead of the allotted 90 minutes.</p>

<p>Final Exam</p>	<p>When you have finished all your homework and chapter exams, you must take the Final Exam at one of the CSN Testing Centers. The Final Exam will be hand-written (not online) and you will receive partial credit on your answers. Partial credit means you should show all your clearly written and neat work on the exam paper and you could receive points on a problem even if your answer is wrong. You will be allowed to use your hand-written Course Notebook and your calculator (electronic dictionaries are also allowed) on the Final Exam. The last day to take the Final Exam is Friday, July 17th. Do not wait until the last minute to take your Final Exam. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to the Final Exam deadline for any reason.</p>																				
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<p>Grade Calculation</p>	<p>Overall Course Average will be computed as follows: Average = (Exam#1+Exam#2+Exam#3+Exam#4+Final)/5</p>																				
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<p>Course Withdraw</p>	<p>It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from a course before the appropriate deadline. The instructor does not withdraw students. It is your responsibility to withdraw from this class online or at the registrar's office.</p>																				
<p>Academic Intregrity</p>	<p>Scholastic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. You are expected to have read and understood the current issue of the student handbook (published by student services) regarding student responsibilities and rights, the intellectual property policy, and for information concerning what constitutes acceptable behavior.</p>																				

Americans with Disabilities Act	Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring academic adjustments, accommodations or auxiliary aids will need to contact a campus Disability Resource Center (DRC): Cheyenne 651-4045; Charleston 651-5089; Henderson 651-3086. The Disability Resource Center determines eligibility for and authorizes the necessary services.
On Campus Tutoring	CSN students are extremely fortunate to have two tutoring options available to them. Both tutoring options are FREE of charge to students. The Math & Science Tutoring Center tutors students on a walk-in basis. The Center (Bldg H. Room 203) is an excellent place to do your homework. The second floor of Bldg. D (Room 203) houses the one-on-one tutoring desk where you can sign up for a one-