

MATH 040x: Basic Mathematical Skills

Units: 4.0

Spring 2020 • Monday–Friday • 9:00–9:50am

Location: KAP 167

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Text

Intermediate Algebra by Elayn Martin-Gay

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Course Description

This course is intended to be a review of algebra, including but not limited to: real numbers, linear equations and inequalities, functions, graphs, systems of equations, exponents, polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, radicals, quadratic equations and solutions.

Learning Objectives

This course should help develop the mathematical skills necessary to prepare students for MATH 108g (Contemporary Precalculus), MATH 114xg (Foundations of Statistics), and MATH 117g (Introduction to Mathematics for Business and Economics)

Description and Assessment of Assignments

Homework will be assigned on a weekly basis, and will be discussed during the Tuesday/Thursday discussion sections.

Grading Breakdown

Participation will be based on asking or answering at least one question each week during lecture or discussion.

Assessment	% of Grade
Participation	15%
Homework	50%
Quizzes	15%
Midterm	10%
Final	10%
TOTAL	100%

Grading Scale

This class is graded CR/NC (credit or no credit). Students will receive a CR if they receive a 60% or above.

Assessment Due Dates

Weekly homework will be collected in lecture on Friday, and quizzes will occur on Tuesdays at the end of discussion. There will be no quizzes or homework during weeks that an exam is scheduled.

Assignment Submission Policy

Homework deadline extensions are possible upon arrangement with me up to 3 times a semester, and at most once per HW. If you decide to request an extension from me, there will be no grading penalty if the HW is submitted within a couple days—I'll set a more precise deadline each request. *Beyond this, late homework will not be accepted.*

Grading Timeline

Homework, quizzes, and exams should be graded within one week of their due dates.

Additional Policies

The two lowest homework scores and two lowest quiz scores will be dropped. Please let me know if you will be absent from lecture or discussion. All students are allowed to re-take quizzes in office hours within two weeks of when they receive their quizzes back. Students who missed a quiz due to an unexcused absence will not be allowed to take that quiz in office hours.

Online resources

- [Khan Academy](#) contains videos related to every topic that we will be covering in this course.
- [WolframAlpha](#) is a powerful online calculator, with support for algebra.

Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown

	Topics/Daily Activities	Deliverables
Week 1	Introduction	Class Survey, Homework 0
Week 2	Real Numbers	Homework 1
Week 3	Linear equations	Homework 2
Week 4	Inequalities	Homework 3
Week 5	Functions	Homework 4
Week 6	Graphs	Homework 5
Week 7	Systems of equations	Midterm Exam
Week 8	Exponents	Homework 6
Week 9	Polynomials	Homework 7
Week 10	Factoring	Homework 8
Week 11	Rational expressions	Homework 9
Week 12	Radicals	Homework 10
Week 13	Quadratic equations	Homework 11
Week 14	Special Topics	
Week 15	Review	USC Learning Experience Evaluation
FINAL	Friday, May 8th 8–10am	

Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards”

policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct.

Support Systems:

Counseling and Mental Health - (213) 740-9355 – 24/7 on call

studenthealth.usc.edu/counseling

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1 (800) 273-8255 – 24/7 on call

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services (RSVP) - (213) 740-9355(WELL), press “0” after hours – 24/7 on call

studenthealth.usc.edu/sexual-assault

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm.

Office of Equity and Diversity (OED)- (213) 740-5086 | Title IX – (213) 821-8298

equity.usc.edu, titleix.usc.edu

Information about how to get help or help someone affected by harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants. The university prohibits discrimination or harassment based on the following *protected characteristics*: race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, physical disability, medical condition, mental disability, marital status, pregnancy, veteran status, genetic information, and any other characteristic which may be specified in applicable laws and governmental regulations. The university also prohibits sexual assault, non-consensual sexual contact, sexual misconduct, intimate partner violence, stalking, malicious dissuasion, retaliation, and violation of interim measures.

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usc-advocate.symplicity.com/care_report

Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions to the Office of Equity and Diversity | Title IX for appropriate investigation, supportive measures, and response.

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Support and accommodations for students with disabilities. Services include assistance in providing readers/notetakers/interpreters, special accommodations for test taking needs, assistance with architectural barriers, assistive technology, and support for individual needs.

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Information on events, programs and training, the Provost's Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

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