

Math 098

North Seattle Community College

Fall 2008

Intermediate Algebra

5 credits

Meets Daily Room CC3457

9:00am- 9:50am

**Prerequisite:** Received a “Satisfactory” grade in either the Math 084-085 sequence or in Math 97, or by placement.

**Text:** Intermediate Algebra by K. Elayn Martin-Gay (5th edition)

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This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

**Course Content:** Welcome to Math 098! This course will include chapters 2 – 8. ***Math 98 assumes that you have a working knowledge of beginning algebra.***

**Daily Schedule:** Each class will begin with questions from the assigned homework. Check your homework sheet for specific problems to solve. To succeed at the study of Intermediate Algebra, you will need to attend class and come prepared with homework completed. A new topic will be presented on a daily basis. Attendance is taken on a regular basis.

**Homework:** Daily homework will be assigned and is to be done ***outside*** the class period. Assigned homework is a beginning point only. Do more problems if needed to fully understand the concepts. For 1 hour of class time, expect to do at least 2 hours of study. This is a very general rule. If you are struggling with the concept, more study time may be needed. ***Late homework assignments will not be accepted under any circumstance.*** There are approximately 44 assignments from the textbook that are due over the course of the quarter. Each assignment will be worth 4 points. Of the 44 assignments due, 36 are required to be submitted. Assignments over and above that number will be considered extra credit. The chapter tests are optional and will not be collected. All assignments and tests must be done in pencil. Homework that is to be turned in for credit must be done on lined paper with clean edges. ***All work must be clearly shown.*** It must be neat. One problem from each assigned homework set will be corrected. If that problem is not correct, no credit will be given for the assignment. The answers to all assigned problems are in the back of the textbook. Work submitted for credit must be self-corrected. If a student is unable to do the problem assigned, a note needs to be written next to the problem explaining that you are unable to arrive at the correct answer. You need to show the work that you have attempted for the problem. To receive credit, the assignment must be complete.

**Supplies:** All work must be done in pencil. One 8.5 X 11 notebook is required for class notes. A good eraser and a small stapler is required. Graph paper and a ruler will be needed for work in Chapters 3, 4 and 8. Scientific calculators may be used on all tests and homework. Cell phones are not allowed as a calculator.

**Grading:** Math 98 is a graded course. The grade will be determined by the number of points earned from homework submitted for credit, class participation, and tests. Tests and homework assignments will have a certain number of points. The number of points earned will be added together at the end of the quarter and divided by the total number of points possible to determine the percentage earned. The quarter grade will be based on the following percentages:

<i>percentage</i>	<i>grade point</i>
95-100	4.0
90-94	3.5-3.9
80-89	2.5-3.4
70-78	2.0-2.4
65-69	1.5-1.9
50-65	0.7-1.4
below 50	No Credit

**Cell phones:** Turn ringers off and use cell phones outside of the classroom. Cell phones may not be answered or used during a test. Text messaging is not allowed during class time. Computers are not permitted to be used during class except in special circumstances with permission of the instructor.

**Tests:** *Students must be present the day a test is given in class.* Make-up tests will be given only if I am notified within 24 hours of the test and the student has an excuse that is acceptable to me. If a student misses a test and does not meet the criteria for a make-up test, a grade of "0" will be given. The final exam will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 from 8:00am-10:00am. All students must be present for the final.

**Tutoring:** Tutoring services for Math 098 students are available in the Math Learning Center. I urge students to take advantage of the MLC and to form study groups with other members of the class.

**Classroom Etiquette:** Math 098 is taught in a *college* environment. Please respect other students by allowing a learning environment that is both pleasant yet mindful of the *quiet* necessary for others to focus on what the instructor is teaching. Disrespect for each other or for the instructor will not be tolerated. Each student in the class has the right to a safe classroom environment that is conducive to learning.

**Withdrawal from class:** If a student withdraws from the class, an official drop form must be filled out by the student and submitted to the Register's Office. Failure to officially withdraw from a class can result in a grade of "0".

**Penalty for Cheating:** Cheating in any form will not be tolerated and will result in a failing grade for the material for which the student has committed the offense of cheating. Any student found to be cheating on an exam will receive a "0" grade for the exam.

**Math 089:** If you are enrolled in Math 089, you must contact the instructor Barbara Goldner during the first week of the quarter. Her contact information is:

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