North Seattle Community College | Math 085 Algebra II | Fall 2011

5 credits | Monday – Friday, room IB 3422 | 9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Prerequisite: Math 084

Text: Elementary Algebra, by Tussy and Gustafson, 4th edition

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

Course Content: Second half of the elementary algebra course includes factoring, rational and radical expressions, solving and graphing quadratic functions, and applications. The course will include chapters 6 – 9. Math 085 is a prerequisite for Intermediate Algebra, Math 098.

Daily Schedule: Each class will begin with questions from the assigned homework. Check your homework sheet for specific problems. To succeed at the study of this course, you will need to attend class and come prepared with homework completed.

Homework: Weekly homework will be assigned. Assigned homework is a beginning point only; do more problems if needed to fully understand the concepts. To be successful in this class, you will need to do the homework and review daily. All homework must be in order and stapled with the section number and your name, last name first, on the upper right side.

Supplies: All work must be done in pencil and on 8½ ” X 11” paper; no spiral bound paper, please. A good eraser is a necessity for this class. A good scientific calculator is required. The calculator does not have to be a graphing calculator. The calculator on your cell phone may not be used during class or on tests.

Tests: All work must be shown for full credit and neatly organized so it can be easily followed. Your work is to be done in pencil and all errors are to be erased. Dates for tests are on the calendar. Only one makeup test will be permitted during the quarter and only if there is a legitimate reason for missing the scheduled exam. The makeup test will be given during finals week and it will be more difficult than the regularly scheduled test. If you miss more than one test, you will have to repeat the course.

Opportunities for extra credit may be available throughout the quarter. Extra credit problems will not be announced in advance and you must be present in class to receive credit.

No make up quizzes will be allowed.

Grading Policy:

This course is Pass/Fail.

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Math Learning Center: Tutoring for all math students is available in the Math Learning Center, ED 1845B.

Your Math Learning Center instructor is Pam Lippert.
Office: IB 2420B
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Email: plippert@sccd.ctc.edu
Class Website: http://webshare.northseattle.edu/MLC/

I urge you to form your own study groups to help each other. Helping each other is not cheating, and being able to explain concepts to your classmates will help your own understanding tremendously.

Classroom Etiquette: Math 085 is taught in a college environment. Class attendance and punctuality are necessary to be successful in this class. Please respect other students by creating a learning environment that is both pleasant yet mindful of the quiet necessary for others to focus on what the instructor is presenting.

Chemical Sensitivities and Smoking Policy: NSCC is a non-smoking campus except for eight designated areas where smoking is permitted. Due to the increasing numbers of individuals developing chemical sensitivities and to the increased awareness of such conditions, when you attend this campus you are asked to refrain from wearing any fragrance or perfume.

Students with Disabilities: In my commitment to student learning, I want to support all students. If you have a disability that will affect your performance in this class please contact me during by email. Students with disabilities are encouraged to use Disability Services for support in implementing reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. You may make an appointment with Disability Services by calling 527-3697 or stopping by the DS office on the 2nd floor of the Campus Center.

Communicating with your Instructor: The best way to contact me is by email, jdesoto@sccd.ctc.edu All email must have Math 085 in the subject line otherwise I may or may not read it.