MATH -U121

College Algebra

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ONLINE Course

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Very Important: This is an online class offered through USC Upstate Blackboard and MyMathLab. Everyone MUST purchase a MyMathLab access code (which includes an electronic version of the text book).


RequiredMixin MyMathLab online access code (You can purchase it on-line)
To register for MyMathLab: www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com
Course ID: will be emailed to you two weeks before classes start.

搡 Grading Policy: Final grade in this course will be determined follows:
2 Midterm Tests (20%+20%), Homework (20%), Quiz (20 %), Final (20%)

Your final letter grade will be based on the following Scale:

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This curve may be adjusted at the end of the semester.

搡 Online Delivery System: For each section, I will provide complete study material. Power point slides and my own recorded video lectures will be uploaded in MyMathLab. In video lectures, I will explain important concepts. Students should download lectures slides and must watch video lectures to understand the course material completely.

搡 Material Covered:
- Chapter 1  Sections 1.1, 1.2 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8
- Chapter 2  Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8
- Chapter 3  Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5
- Chapter 4  Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3

*Contents are subject to change*
Online Homework: HW will be 20% of your final grade and will be assigned every week. Students must complete assigned HW in MyMathLab before the due date. All these assignments must be completed online.
You can repeat each assigned HW problem infinite number of times, until you get it right (by selecting a similar exercise). HW carries a substantial weight towards course grade; so you must try to get 100% on each assigned HW assignment.

Online Quiz: Every week there will be one quiz associated with the HW of that week. Each Quiz can be repeated TWO times to increase grade (the highest score of both attempts will be recorded grade for that particular quiz).

Exams: There will be two midterm exams during the semester and one Accumulative Final Exam. Exam dates will be given in first week of classes. All exams will be online and must be completed through MyMathLab in lockdown browser.

Discussion Board: I will keep an active discussion board via Blackboard and or MyMathLab. Please feel free to express your thoughts on the course material. You can also ask questions, about the material in slides, video lectures and most importantly about HWs. I will regularly respond to your questions, concerns and suggestions.

Virtual Office Hours: I will regularly hold virtual office hours at fixed times via Skype group video chat. I will provide you further information on this as soon as classes begin.

Math Tutoring Lab: If you need extra one-on-one help in addition to my help, you should regularly visit the Math Tutoring Lab (Hodge 242), where math tutors are available from 8 AM to 8PM, and it is the best place to visit and get help with your math problems.

Extra Help with anything: You are welcome to contact me (Email is best way to reach me) if you need extra help with anything. I will make every possible effort to help you out and guide through the material.

Note: Instructor reserves right to make necessary changes to this syllabus