Math M03 – Intermediate Algebra  
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Textbook: Introductory Algebra for College Students/6E by Robert Blitzer.  
This text book is enhanced with an access code to MyMathLab.

Course Description:  
The purpose of the course is to give the students basic knowledge of intermediate algebra. At the completion of the course, students should have reviewed elementary algebra, including factoring, rational expression, liner equation, inequalities, and learned about determinants and Cramer rule, exponents, radicals, complex numbers, functions and graphs, quadratic equations, and exponential and logarithmic function.

My Math Lab: You will receive with your textbook a code to an online website http://www.pearsonmylab.com where you can complete homework assignments, take quizzes, complete practice exams, watch videos, explaining how to do problems, see example problems work out through computer animations, read the textbook online with direct links to practice problems, get connected with tutors over the phone and much, much more.  

Use the Access Code and Course ID to register yourself for the online class.  
- Before you begin, you must use the MyMathLab Installation Wizard to install the plug-ins and players you need to view and interact with the multimedia content in your course.

Technical Requirements:  
- Internet Explorer (Windows 2000 or XP)  
- Firefox (Windows XP or Vista)  
- Safari and Firefox (Macintosh)  
- Internet connection (high speed is best)  
- Your own email account

Technical Support:  
Contact Pearson’s Product Support for technical issues with MyMathLab at (800) 677-6337 M - F 5:00am – 5:00pm

Assignments: This general category includes: Online homework, group problems solving, and participation. It is your responsibility to have all of the problems correctly completed by the following class meeting. Before the lecture, you may ask question regarding the homework exercises. You must either bring your textbook or laptop to class meetings. Attendance and participation are required for success and we will have some group work assignments done in class.
Online Homework: Online Homework can be found by clicking the “Homework” button on the top left corner of your MyMathLab portal. All homework, and quizzes have posted deadlines. Due dates will also appear in the Homework tab. Homework can be submitted ANYTIME prior to its due date (by 11:00 pm on the day it is due). To be able to do the homework, you must understand the content of the textbook or the e-book. It is also extremely important for you to understand the expected form for the answers. It is your responsibility to remain current with homework, since quizzes and exams cover the same material. You may redo the homework an unlimited number of times prior to its due date. However for the Mid Chapter Check point of your homework assignment, you will have only ONE attempt. **Do not wait until the deadline to submit online assignments!** You will not get extensions if you do not submit on time. (Even if you have computer problem). You will have enough time to either complete your assignments at home or at school prior to their due dates.

Group Work

- Group problem solving is the primary method of instruction for this class.
- You will work in groups of 3 to 5 each class meeting on an assignment.
- At the end of the class all of the papers will be collected, but only one paper form each group will be graded. Everyone in the group would receive that score. Each group work assignments is worth 5 points.
- If you have to leave class early, you will receive a zero point for that day’s work.
- You must work in a group of 3 to 5, or your paper will not be graded.
- Group work cannot be made-up.
- I reserve the right to break up groups for any reason.

Study hints: Read the appropriate sections after each class carefully and then do all the homework assignments before next class. This is an important step to successfully learn the material. The general rule of success requires that you spend 3 hours studying for each one hour you spend in class. Team-up with a classmate for study outside of the class time. Actively participate in class by asking questions when you need more explanation, provide answers to questions asked during class. You are encouraged to form complete each chapter review and test. Always remain calm, and keep a positive mental attitude toward the course.

Exams and Quizzes:
There will be 4 tests and one comprehensive final exam. No make-up test will be given. The percentage score of your final will replace the score for the lowest test score or the first missed test. A second missed test will be counted as a zero. There will be weekly on-line and in-class quizzes. You can take the on-line quiz under “Test/Quiz” link. Please pay attention to the due dates and the topics of each quiz. You have only ONE attempt for each quiz and the time is limited as well. Some are over the homework, and some are cumulative. No make-up quizzes will be given. Each quiz will worth 10 points.
Grading:
Tests are 50% of your final grade, Quizzes are 10% of your final grade, Assignments are 15% of your final grade and the Final Exam (comprehensive) is worth 25% of your final grade. Base on the percentage of your total score, a letter grade will be assigned using the following scale: 90-100% A; 80-90% B; 70-80 C; 60-70 D and below 60% will receive F.

Technical Violations: The use of any devices is strictly off-limits. This includes cell phones, pagers, internet devices, ipods, texters of any kind. Any use at all will result in a “technical violation” against the assignment grade.

Academic Dishonesty: Any instances of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic “zero” on the test, with the immediate possibility of the issue being taken to the division dean, and being place on the student’s academic record.

Non-Attendance Drops: Ordinarily, it is the student’s responsibility to drop a course at the Administration Building if the student wishes to discontinue. However, a student who has missed more than two full week’s worth of class can be dropped for non-attendance.

ACCESS Students: Students who have a classifiable physical or learning disability should be registered with the ACCESS office so that appropriate adjustments can be made in the classroom and for test. If you have not already done so, please contact ACCESS at 378-1461 for coordination of disability verification and accommodation assistance. Their office is just to the right of the Campus Center.

Drop Days:
Last day to drop a course without a W: Aug 31
Last day to drop a course with a W: Nov 16

Tentative test schedule:
Sep 17
Chapter 1, 2 and 3 test

Oct 10
Chapter 4 and 5 test

Nov 7
Chapter 6 and 7 test

Dec 5
Chapter 8,9 and 10 test

Dec 17th Final Exam: 8:00 am – 10:00 am