

GMS 91 - Intermediate Algebra Spring 2010

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Class time: 9AM, 10AM or 11AM

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Course Description: GMS 91 is a course in intermediate algebra. Its goals are to satisfy the ELM requirement.

Textbook and Online Homework:

- MathXL Student Access Kit** (*Required*)
- GMS 91 Manual** by Morgan/Quan (*Required*)
- Intermediate Algebra** by Bittinger/Ellenbogen (*optional*)
- Three scantrons F-289-PAR-L (*the skinny red ones*)
- Several colored pens or pencils for notetaking
- Three ring binder

Calculator: Sorry, no calculators are allowed.

Class participation and attendance: Attendance for this class is **MANDATORY**. You are allowed to miss 3 days in the semester. Every day you miss after those allowed you will lose 10 participation points. I can't help you if you don't come to class.

Tardies and leaving class early: Tardies count as half of an absence. It is **your responsibility** to notify me after class that you were tardy to remove your absence. Leaving class early unannounced is **extremely disrespectful**. Leaving class early without letting me know **BEFORE CLASS STARTS** will count as an absence.

Homework: We will be using the MathXL online homework system. Attached are instructions for signing up for this class. There will be one handout for every chapter in the course. They will be due the day of the exam. To get credit your work must be clear and you **MUST SHOW ALL WORK!**

Exams: There will be 2 exams throughout the semester. **Do NOT miss any exams!** Make up midterms will only be granted under documented, extraordinary circumstances on the specific day and time designated by the department. (*The make up exam is much more difficult than the normal exam.*)

Tutoring: Excellent free tutoring is available in **AH 3171**. Take advantage of this opportunity to get free help from experienced tutors.

Students with disabilities: If you have a disability and need special accommodations simply let me know and we can work something out.

Cheating: Huge mistake! If you are caught cheating on anything I will drop you from the course and/or you may receive an F. It will also be reported to the Dean of Academic Affairs for possible further action including expulsion from the college.

Grading: Every students starts off with 100 participation points. You can lose the participation points by any one of the following:

- Missing more than 3 days of class (-10 points for every day after 3 absences)
- Getting less than 90% on a particular online homework assignment (You get full credit on the homework if you get over 90%, otherwise you receive the grade. The homework grades are then averaged and this will be your starting average for participation points)
- Not turning in completed handouts on exam day (-50 points as a percentage of the amount not completed)

Type of assignment	Points	Grading Scale
Participation & Homework	100	C 650 points or above
Midterm Exams (2)	500	NC below 650 points
Final Exam	400	
Total	1000	

😊 **Good manners are very important!** 😊

- **TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE!** Not on vibrate...**OFF!**

• **NO TEXT MESSAGING!!!** You will be

dismissed from class if you are found text messaging (if you are waiting for an emergency message let me know before class).

- **BE RESPECTFUL TO OTHERS.** Everyone has the right to ask questions and asking questions is encouraged. Do not talk while I am lecturing or while other students are asking questions.
- Do not go outside in the middle of class to answer a phone call.
- **DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TEXT MESSAGE IN CLASS. YOU WILL GET DISMISSED IMMEDIATELY!!!**