

MTH 05, Elementary Algebra Fall 2015

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This page will contain class information, due homework and links.

Attendance

I will take attendance at the start of each class.

Grading

Homework (30%) I'll assign certain questions to be handed in.

Class Tests (35%) There will be about 6 tests, one on each of the main topics we cover. Test questions will be similar to homework questions.

Final (35%) The final is the computerized CEAFE exam. These questions will be similar to homework and class test questions. Calculators (and phones) not allowed to be used. The final will be held some time in Finals Week: December 16 - 23.

Your final grade will be P (pass) or R (repeat). To pass you must score at least 74% overall and at least 60% on the final.

General Advice

The key to doing well in this class is to spend time working on the problems in the text at the end of each section - especially the suggested homework problems listed on the syllabus and the questions I assign to be collected. Actually doing them will give you an understanding of the material you can't get just by reading your notes or the book. Check your answers at the back of the book or with me.

If you have any questions or concerns, talk to me after class. If you need more help please come to my office hours or set up a time to meet. Also don't forget the **Math Tutoring Lab**. You can just walk in and get help.

Math Tutoring Lab, CP 303

Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 8 pm

Friday – Sunday 10 am – 3 pm.

This is the usual Lab schedule – see <http://fsw01.bcc.cuny.edu/mathdepartment/TutoringLab/Lab.htm> for this semester's opening times.