

MTH 01, Fundamental Concepts and Skills in Arithmetic and Algebra

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This is a regular web page (not on Blackboard). You can also get to it by finding me on the Faculty page of the BCC Math Department. The class page will contain the class calendar, text book, information, due homework, review sheets and other links.

Book

We will use the book *ARITHMETIC: A Textbook for Math 01 (5th Edition 2015)* by Anthony Weaver. It is available for free - see the link on the class web page. You can read it online or print out the chapters as we come to them.

Attendance

I will take attendance at the start of each class. Please arrive on time!

Grading

Homework (30%) Homework will be assigned every Wednesday to be handed in the following week. See the class web page. Late homework will not be accepted.

Class Tests (35%) There will be 5 in-class tests, one on each of the main topics we cover. Test questions will be similar to homework questions. Your lowest score test will be dropped.

Final (35%) The final will cover all the material in the course. It'll be held some time in Finals Week: Dec 14-20

The only passing grades in this class are A, B and C. So to pass you must score at least 70% overall. If you score 60-69% you will be recommended for a six day workshop after which you retake the final exam.

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 and the homework problems.

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. You can also get tutoring assistance at The Learning Commons which is open all semester:

The Learning Commons

In Meister Hall, Sub-basement, Room 5

Monday – Friday, 10 am – 8 pm and Saturday 10 am – 3 pm.