

## **MTH 05, Elementary Algebra Fall 2018**

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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 page will contain the class calendar, text book, information, due homework, sample finals and other links.

### **Book**

We will use the book *Math 05 Lecture Notes* by Andrew McInerney. 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%)* You'll get homework every Wednesday to be handed in the following Monday or Tuesday. See the class web page.

*Quizzes (35%)* There will be 5 multiple choice 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. Basic scientific calculators (but not smart phones or graphing calculators) may be used for quizzes and the final. The final will be held some time in Finals Week: December 15-21.

Your final grade will be P (pass) or R (repeat). To pass you must score at least 70% overall. If you score 60-69% you will be recommended for a workshop after which you retake the final.

### **General Advice**

The key to doing well in this class is to spend time working on the assigned homework problems and the problems in the book at the end of each section.

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, starting September 4:

#### **The Learning Commons**

*In Meister Hall, Sub-basement, Suite 5*

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