

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

MTH 05 Section D32/38533
Fall 2016

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Class Information

Meetings

Room: CPH-308
Time: M, T, W 4:00 PM-5:50 PM

Instructor

Professor George Leibman
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Hours: Mon 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM, Tues 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM (Other times by appointment.)
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Text

Elementary and Intermediate Algebra (Fifth Edition)
Baratto, Bergman and Hutchison, McGraw-Hill

Grades

The work in this class will consist of:

1. Ten weekly quizzes, to be given roughly every three class days, that is, once per week for normal weeks. These will cover material from the previous week of class. The two lowest quiz scores will be dropped for grading purposes. (These, together with the homework, will comprise 50% of your midterm grade and 65% of your final grade.)
2. All assigned homework problems, which will be handed in, graded, and returned with comments. Each assignment will be graded on a scale from 0 to 10. The total of homework scores will be used to count as the equivalent of two quizzes, and combined with the quizzes to give 65% of your final grade. (When a section of the book has been covered in class, you are responsible for doing the suggested exercises for that section listed in the syllabus.) A grade of C or higher is required to pass MTH05, which translates into a numerical average of 74 or better.
3. A midterm exam (50% of the midterm grade)
4. A multiple choice final exam. This is a CUNY-wide test of competency in elementary algebra. You must have a score of 60 or higher on this test to pass MTH05, together with a score of 74 or better as your final overall grade in the class. (The CUNY final exam is 35% of the final grade.)

Mathematics Tutorial Lab

The Mathematics Tutorial Lab is a valuable resource for assistance with homework and review for quizzes and exams.

Tutorial Lab Room: CPH-303

Hours (as of Fall 2014):

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday-Sunday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Ground Rules

1. You must show all work used in arriving at your answers.
2. In quizzes, and for the midterm and final exams, using calculators or other electronic devices is prohibited.
3. In studying and doing homework, you are encouraged to work together to help each other understand concepts. But any copying from someone else, or from somewhere else, and then claiming it is your own work, is cheating and in violation of BCC's academic integrity standards. A grade of zero will be given for homeworks that duplicate each other. To avoid plagiarism, material that is not your own must be acknowledged by citing its source. The BCC Writing Center is available for guidance on standards for academic writing.
4. All work, whether homework, quizzes, or midterm or final exam, must be done in pencil or erasable pen. All other work will not be accepted.
5. Attendance is important. Enrolling in this class is a commitment and a responsibility to take all steps to learn the material, especially coming to class.