

Algebra Prep 2 – 1st 8 Weeks

ASC 92 Algebra Prep 2 (2 semester credits)

Course Description: This course is a continuation of Algebra Prep I as a beginning level algebra course. Topics covered include fundamental operations, linear graphing, functions, exponents, polynomials, factoring and systems of equations. This class does not satisfy college graduation requirements for math.

Prerequisite(s): none

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	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	
	Office Hours: MTWF 11 – 11:50 and 1 – 1:50 and by appointment	

Course Requirements: Learning algebra is an investment of time. Algebra is learned best by practice, reflect, and practice some more. Understanding the steps in the topic explanations and video presentations is a good start. However, to truly know the material, you should be able to look at a problem, know how to proceed, and carry out the steps without assistance. There are multiple attempts in completing the homework which helps to provide opportunities for you to get to that point. It is expected to invest a minimum of 2 hours per semester credit hours outside of the classroom. Students are expected to be active learners in the classroom activities which helps enhance the students learning experience. Learning will take place utilizing the following; MyMathLab, in-class activities, supplemental instruction provided by the instructor; project; homework, and tests/exams.

Course Objectives/Student Outcomes: The students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of terms and rules used in algebra.
- Utilize the rules of exponents to simplify exponential expressions.
- Utilize problem solving strategies to solve problems.
- Perform the basic algebraic operations with polynomials.
- Factor using greatest common factor, factor by grouping and factor trinomials of the form $x^2 + bx + c$
- Plot points, graph linear equations and find slope of a line.
- Analyze and solve various types of math problems.

- Gain the skills need to participate in ASC 93 Algebra Prep III.

Relationship to Campus Theme: This course introduces algebra skills that are used to solve problems in science, technology, business and social sciences. These problems will require critical thinking and interaction with other students.

Grading Criteria: Your grade will be weighted on the following:

Homework	25%
In-Class Activities	25%
Tests/Exams	35%
Project	15%

Final letter grades are assigned based on the following:

A	90% - 100%	B	80% - 89%
C	70% - 79%	D	60% - 69%
F	≤ 59%		

Late Homework/Assignments: It is the **responsibility of the student** to obtain an assignment if they are absent on the day it is given. If a student is absent on the day the assignment is due, it is his/her responsibility to get the assignment to the instructor **on time**. Missed assignments will be graded as a zero. In class activities are meant to be completed in class. Late tests/exams will not be given unless prior approval from the instructor is given.

Schedule (subject to change):

Date	Topic
January 14 th	✓ Welcome! ✓ MyMathLab ✓ Overview of Course
January 15 th	✓ 3.1 – The Rectangular Coordinate System
January 17 th	✓ 3.2 Graphing Linear Equations
January 20 th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	No Class
January 21 st	✓ 3.3 – The Slope of a Line
January 22 nd	✓ 3.4 – Writing the Equation of a Line
January 24 th	✓ 3.5 - Graphing Linear Inequalities
January 27 th	✓ 3.6 - Functions
January 28 th	✓ Chapter 3 Review
January 29 th	✓ Chapter 3 Review
January 31 st	✓ Chapter 3 Test
February 3 rd	✓ 5.1 – The Rules of Exponents
February 4 th	✓ 5.2 – Negative Exponents and Scientific Notation.
February 5 th	✓ 5.3 – Fundamental Polynomial Operations
February 7 th	✓ 5.4 – Multiplying Polynomials
February 10 th	✓ 5.5 – Multiplication: Special Cases

February 11 th	✓ 5.6 – Dividing Polynomials
February 12 th	✓ Chapter 5 Review
February 14 th	✓ Chapter 5 Review
February 17 th – President’s Day	✓ No Class
February 18 th	✓ Chapter 5 Test
February 18 th	✓ 6.1 – Removing a Common Factor
February 21 st	✓ 6.2 – Factoring by Grouping
February 24 th	✓ 6.3 – Factoring Trinomials of the Form $x^2 + bx + c$
February 25 th	✓ Chapter 6 Review
February 26 th	✓ Chapter 6 Test
February 28 th	✓ 4.1 – Systems of Linear Equations in Two Variables
March 3 rd	✓ 4.2 – Systems of Linear Equations in Three Variables
March 4 th	✓ Chapter 4 Test
March 5 th	✓ Final Review
March 7 th	✓ Final Exam