Math 212: Beginning Algebra (MPS) – Winter 2019

Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM in S-56, CRN: 35753

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Students are encouraged to make an appointment with Melissa to set up educational plans, talk about transfer requirements, academic probation, career planning and/or concerns about performance in their math course. Students will

also be asked to meet with Melissa if attendance begins to decline.

<u>Class Website</u>: We'll be using CANVAS to manage our class documents and deadlines. You can check your grade and look for any missing assignments on Canvas, which you can access through MyPortal or by downloading the app. I will be communicating with the class using Canvas email and announcements, so log on as soon as possible or you may miss important class information.

<u>Textbook</u>: Beginning Algebra Student Workbook. This will be handed out in class.

<u>Attendance</u>: Regular, punctual attendance at all class meetings is expected of each student. Students absent during the first 2 weeks of class will be dropped unless they contact the instructor. A student may be dropped from the class if absent the equivalent of 5 times, no matter what the reason(s).

<u>Homework</u>: Homework will be assigned every day and is due at the beginning of the next class period. Homework will be worth 1 point per page. Do not fall behind! Complete all homework assignments and ask questions. Credit will not be given for answers only, so show all your work. Your overall homework grade will be out of 150 points. Since there will be more than 150 pages of homework assigned over the quarter, you will have an opportunity to earn extra credit by doing all your homework.

<u>Quizzes</u>: Quizzes are indicated on the calendar and are worth 10 points each. In general, quizzes will be about every other day and will be closed-book. Missed quizzes cannot be made up for any reason. At the end of the quarter, your two lowest quiz grades will be dropped.

Exams: Three closed-book exams will be given worth 100 points each. Exam dates will be posted on Canvas. Make-up exams will not be given.

<u>Group work</u>: In-class activities and group work will be assigned daily and are to be worked on during class time before you begin your homework. Each week of activities is worth 5 points, except for weeks with a holiday or exam, which will be worth 3 points. You do not have to finish incomplete in-class activities outside of class, but it should be clear from your work that a reasonable effort was put into the activity. You cannot get credit for an in-class activity if you are absent on that day.

<u>Final Exam</u>: There will be a 2-hour final exam worth 150 points. This exam is comprehensive. The final exam will be Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM. At the end of the quarter, your final exam will replace your lowest exam score, if the final exam percentage is higher.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

Assignment	Points	Total points (Percent) Grade
Exams (3 @ 100 points)	300	At least 733 (90%) A
Final exam	150	At least 652 (80%) B
Homework	150	At least 570 (70%) C
Quizzes (17 @ 10 points)	170	At least 489 (60%) D
In-class activities	45	Below 489 F
Total	815	

<u>How to get help</u>: The MPS Program has your back! You will have ample time for help from your instructor and the student tutors in class. Students may also receive tutorial assistance from the instructor during office hours. Please come by for help or to talk about your grade. That is what I am here for! Tutors are also available in S-41 (MPS Tutoring Room) from 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM M-Th and 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM on Friday. You can also seek help in S-43 (Math and Science Tutoring Center). Any student whose grade falls below 75% will be required to attend tutoring.

<u>Academic Integrity</u>: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. If a student is found cheating and/or copying on any assignment or violating any other code of academic integrity, he or she will receive a 0 on the assignment and may receive failing grade for the course and/or be reported to the college. Anyone caught cheating on a test or quiz will receive an automatic 0 and be reported to the Dean of the PSME Division.

<u>Disability Statement</u>: De Anza College makes reasonable accommodations for people with documented disabilities. Please notify Disability Support Services (DSS) if you have any physical, psychological or other disabilities, vision, hearing impairments or ADD/ADHD. DSS is located in the Registration and Student Services Building, RSS Room 141. Phone number: 408-864-8753. Website: http://www.deanza.edu/dss/.

Important Dates for Winter Quarter 2019:

- Sunday, January 20: Last day to drop for a full refund and with no record of grade.
- Friday, February 1: Last day to request pass/no pass grade.

Friday, March 1: Last day to drop with a "W."

Student Learning Outcome(s):

- *Evaluate real-world situations and distinguish between and apply linear and quadratic function models appropriately.
- *Analyze, interpret, and communicate results of linear and quadratic models in a logical manner from four points of view visual, formula, numerical, and written.
- *Demonstrate an appreciation and awareness of applications in their daily lives.