

East Los Angeles College  
Department of Mathematics  
Math 115 – Elementary Algebra Online (5 Units)  
Fall 2012 – Syllabus

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If you would like to make an appointment, please email me.

**Course Information:**

**Section:** 1439

**Classroom:** Math Lab F5 – 107

**Prerequisite:**

Satisfactory completion of Mathematics 110, 112 or acceptable level of skill as demonstrated in the mathematics placement process.

**Course Description:**

This course covers the fundamentals of beginning algebra. The topics presented include signed numbers, evaluation of algebraic expressions, exponents, solving equations, polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, graphs, systems of equations, inequalities, topics in geometry, and applications.

**Course Materials:**

**Required Online Component:** My Math Lab via [www.mymathlab.com](http://www.mymathlab.com)

**Course ID:**

**Text:** Elementary & Intermediate Algebra, Concepts & Applications Fifth edition, by Bittinger or

Elementary & Intermediate Algebra, Concepts & Applications Third edition  
for East Los Angeles College, by Bittinger

**Calculator:** Scientific calculator is recommended, but not required.

Calculators are **not allowed** during exams.

**Grading:**

Online Homework:	10%	A = 90% – 100%
Online Exams:	12%	B = 80% – 90%
Take Home Exam:	9%	C = 70% – 80%
Green Books:	9%	D = 60% – 70%
Unit Exam (3):	30%	F = 0% – 60%
<u>Comprehensive Final:</u>	<u>30%</u>	

**Attendance:**

Since this course is online, except for the unit exams and the final, it is your responsibility to keep up with the work and making sure that you meet all due dates and times.

Chapter “Pre-Tests” must be attempted/completed before students start their respective chapter homework. “Pre-Tests” allow access to the homework. All chapter “Pre-Test”, have due dates that are nonnegotiable. If you miss a “Pre-Test”, the instructor will not reopen the assignments and will not give any extensions. No exceptions.

**Online Homework:**

Homework is posted online on My Math Lab. Make sure that to keep track of all the due dates and times. When the due date and time has passed, the students can continue to work on the assignments until the day of the respective Unit Exam. However, the student will work under a penalty. The student will lose 5% per day on that assignment until it is completed. After the Unit Exam date the assignment will not be reopened. No exceptions.

**Online Exams:**

There will be Online Exams that will prepare you for the On Campus Unit Exam. These exams are posted on My Math Lab and have start and due dates. Each assignment will be timed and students are limited to only three attempts. No make-up Online Exams. No Exception.

**Take-Home Exams:**

There will be 3 Take-Home Exams, one for each Unit Exam that will be taken On-Campus. The 3 Take-Home Exams will be posted on My Math Lab. You will have to print them out and perform all the work on the printed sheets. All exercises must be attempted. If the assignment is turned in unstapled and if all exercises are not attempted, the student will receive an automatic of zero for the assignment. No extensions. No exceptions.

**Green Book Projects:**

There will be 3 Green Book Projects, one for each Unit Exam that will be taken On-Campus. The 3 Green Book Projects will be posted on My Math Lab. All exercises must be completed in a Green Book or a Blue Book. If all exercises are not attempted, the student will receive an automatic of zero for the assignment. No extensions. No exceptions.

**On-Campus Unit Exams:**

All unit exams and the final exam will be taken on-campus on the dates scheduled below. No make-up exams. No exceptions. Students must bring two forms of identification. #1. School ID and #2. Government issued ID in order to take the Unit Exam.

**Unit Exam #1**

**Friday, September 21**                      **7:00 - 8:30 pm**                      **Ch. 1, & 2**                      **K5 - 104 (MathLab)**

**Unit Exam #2**

**Friday, October 26**                      **7:00 - 8:30 pm**                      **Ch. 3, 8.1, 8.2,**  
**8.3 & 9.4**                      **K5 - 104 (MathLab)**

**Unit Exam #3**

**Friday, November 30**                      **7:00 - 8:30 pm**                      **Ch 4 & 5**                      **K5 - 104 (MathLab)**

**Final Exam**

**Friday, December 14**                      **7:00 - 9:00 pm**                      **Final Exam**                      **K5 - 104 (MathLab)**

**Board Rule 9803.12 Dishonesty - East Los Angeles College - Policy On Academic Honesty**

Refer to the East Los Angeles General Catalog 2011 – 2013 page 28.

<b>Monday, August 27</b>	<b>Day &amp; Evening Classes Begin</b>
August 27-September 07	Late Registration Period - By Instructor Permission Only
<b>Saturday, September 01</b>	<b>Saturday Classes First Class Meeting</b>
<b>Monday, September 03</b>	<b>HOLIDAY - College Closed (Labor Day)</b>
<b>Friday, September 07</b>	<b>*ADD DEADLINE - Last Day to Submit Add or Audit Permits for Full-Term Classes</b> (Date for short term classes is approximately 20% of term, please verify with admissions or instructor)
<b>Sunday, September 09</b>	<b>*DROP DEADLINE #1 - Last Day to Drop Classes Online Without Having to Pay Fees</b> <b>Last Day to Drop Classes Online Without "W"</b> (Date for short term classes vary, please verify with admissions or instructor)
September 10-December 7	Graduation Petition Period
Friday, September 14	Fiscal Cash/Credit Card Refunds (for students who paid with cash/credit card)
Friday, September 28	Last Day to Return Parking Permits
Friday, October 05	Last Day to File for Pass/No Pass
Thursday, November 01	Check Refunds Mailed (for students who paid with check and dropped classes by 9/9/12)
Friday, November 02	Last Day for Section Transfers
<b>Monday, November 12</b>	<b>HOLIDAY - College Closed (Veterans Day)</b>
<b>Sunday, November 18</b>	<b>*DROP DEADLINE #2 - Last Day to Drop Classes Online with a "W"</b> (Date for short term classes vary, please verify with admissions or instructor)
<b>Thursday - Sunday, November 22 - 25</b>	<b>HOLIDAY - College Closed (Thanksgiving)</b>
Sunday, December 09	Last Day of Full Term Class Instruction
December 10 - 16	Final Examinations
Sunday, December 16	Fall 2011 Semester Ends

**\*Note:** Syllabus subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.