

Math 210.MP2

Pre-Algebra
De Anza College
Fall 2015

Instructor: Dr. Jim Mailhot (pronounced MY-it)

Classroom: E32

Meeting Times: MTWTh 1:30 – 3:45pm

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Office Hours: MWTh 3:50 – 5:00pm, or by appointment

Textbook: *Prealgebra Textbook (2nd edition)* by the College of the Redwoods Department of Mathematics. This text is available for free online at <http://mathrev.redwoods.edu/PreAlgText/> or may be purchased from the bookstore.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate and apply a systematic and logical approach to solving arithmetic and geometric problems.
- Demonstrate and apply the knowledge and skills required to select the correct introductory formulas, procedures, and concepts from algebra and geometry and use them to solve problems.

Grading: Your grade in this course will be based on homework, in-class assignments, quizzes, three midterms and a comprehensive final exam, weighted as follows:

Homework and in-class assignments:	12.5%
Quizzes (lowest score dropped):	12.5%
3 Midterms:	15% each
Final Exam:	30%

Approximate grade breakdowns are:

90% and above:	A or A-
80 – 90%:	B+, B or B-
70 – 80%:	C+ or C
60 – 70%:	D
under 60%:	F

Homework: A list of homework problems for the quarter will be e-mailed to students. Homework will be collected *at the beginning* of class every Wednesday, from the sections we covered in class the previous week. Late homework will not be accepted. Homework assignments should be neat and legible, stapled together, without any “fringes”.

Quizzes: I will give pop quizzes in class on a random basis. Calculators and notes are *not* allowed on quizzes. Make-up quizzes will not be given. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped.

Exams: There will be three in-class midterms and a comprehensive final exam. You may bring one 8.5”×11” sheet of hand-written notes (both sides) to exams. Calculators are *not* allowed on exams. Make-up exams will not be given. You *must* take the final exam to pass the course.

Cheating Policy: Don't be a cheater. If you cheat on a quiz or an exam, or allow another student to cheat, you will receive 0 points on that quiz or exam.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to be on time and attend all classes. Roll will be taken at the beginning of every class period. If you accumulate more than four absences, you may be dropped from the class, and from the MPS program. Arriving late and leaving early will each count as half of an absence.

In-Class Tutors: To be announced

MPS Counselor: Tom Nguyen (nguyentom@fhda.edu)

Getting Help: In addition to coming to office hours, you can get help at the *Math, Science & Technology Resource Center (MSTRC)* in S43. They are open M-Th 8:30am – 6:30pm and F 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Be Courteous to your fellow students. Please make sure your cell phones, iPods and other electronic devices are turned off. Anyone who repeatedly disrupts the class may be asked to leave.

College Policies:

- Students *can not* take the same class more than three times for a grade, *including W*.
- Late adds and late drops *will not* be processed.

Important Dates:

Saturday, October 3 – Last day to add

Sunday, October 4 – Last day to drop with no record of grade

Monday, November 9 – Veterans' Day (holiday)

Friday, November 13 – Last day to drop with a “W”

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving (holiday)

Thursday, December 3 – Last regular class day

Wednesday, December 9 – **Final Exam (1:45 – 3:45pm)**