

Foundations of Mathematics II

OVERVIEW OF COURSE

MATH 109P continues the course begun in the fall. Three credits for Fundamentals of Mathematics II will be awarded at the end of the spring semester to students who successfully complete the course.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

First-year, specially admitted students. May be used to continue MATH 108. Does not count as credit for graduation. Used as preparation for MATH 101, MATH 110, or MATH 201.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Text: Basic Math, Introductory and Intermediate Algebra, by Lial, Hornsby, McGinnis, Salzman, Hestwood

Software: MyMathLab access code

Calculator: A scientific, non-graphing, non-texting calculator is permitted and recommended. All other calculators are not allowed. It is the student's responsibility to supply an appropriate calculator.

GRADES

A maximum of 700 points may be earned in this course, distributed as follows:

MySlideNotes/Attendance (30 highest scores, 1 point each)	30
Homework (20 highest scores, 5 points each)	100
Quizzes (10 highest scores, 7 points each)	70
Exams (3 exams, 100 points each)	300
Final Exam	200
Sum	700

The final is a departmental, comprehensive exam. This mass final is given to all students at the same time in a room different from your regular classroom.

MML Bonus: For every perfect score after 20, you will earn a bonus of 5 points. For instance, if you have 22 perfect scores, your Homework point total will be 110 out of 100 points, 10 points extra credit.

TENTATIVE GRADING SCALE

Your grade will be based on your total out of 700 points. The cutoffs will be no higher than:

A: 630 (90%)

B: 560 (80%)

C: 455 (65%)

D: 385 (55%)

Your instructor may use the plus/minus grading system.

MAKEUPS

The official course policy is that there are no makeup homework assignments, MySlideNotes/attendance, or quizzes. Your instructor may modify THIS policy. Make-up exams will be given ONLY for an excused

absence, a documented illness or serious emergency. It is YOUR responsibility to contact your instructor before the scheduled date of the exam for an excused absence. Documentation may be requested by your instructor. If there is a documented illness or serious emergency, inform your instructor via email within 48 hours. Speak with your instructor in their next available office hour to talk about the absence and arrange a time to take the makeup exam. No one is entitled to a makeup exam.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Academic honesty and mutual respect (student with student and instructor with student) are expected in this course. Mutual respect means being on time for class and not leaving early, being prepared to give full attention to class work, not reading newspapers or other material in class, not using cell phones or pagers during class time, and not looking at another student's work during exams or quizzes. Academic misconduct, as defined by the Student Code of Conduct, will not be treated lightly.

Failure to abide by the following will result in a zero score!

- PDA's, cell phones and computers shall be stowed and not be visible during exams.
- Talking or other communication between students is not permitted during exams.

EXPECTATIONS

It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of your active participation in this class. Every student is expected to:

1. Be present and on time for every class meeting. Attendance will be taken every day.
2. Check your NIU e-mail regularly for important announcements throughout the semester.
3. Notify the instructor of any absence, preferably in advance.
4. Read the text.
5. Review the previous lesson and do the MyMathLab homework assignments after each class. (Expect to spend at least 2 hours daily on math.) The assignments are due at 11:59PM on Wednesdays and Sundays.
6. Check your syllabus and preview the new material before coming to class. This will help you to better understand the lecture.
7. Bring your calculator to class every day.
8. Complete the MyMathLab assignments ahead of time (midnight).
9. Ask questions in class or after class of the instructor.
10. Get help when you need it—not just before an exam. Here are your primary sources for help:

Instructor

SI Leader

Other Students

ACCESS tutors and help sessions

Tutoring Centers (Grant South, New Residence Hall, Library)

NOTICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

NIU abides by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which mandates reasonable accommodations be provided for qualified students with disabilities. If you have a disability and may require some type of instructional and/or examination accommodation, please contact your instructor early in the semester so that we can provide or facilitate in providing accommodations you may need.

If you have not already done so, you will need to register with the [Disability Resource Center \(DRC\)](#), the designated office on campus to provide services and administer exams with accommodations for students with disabilities. The DRC office is located on the 4th floor of the University Health Services building (815 7531303). Your instructor is looking forward to talking with you soon to learn how s/he may be helpful in enhancing your academic success in this course.

PREFERRED GENDER PRONOUN STATEMENT

This course affirms people of all gender expressions and gender identities. If you prefer to be called a different name than what is on the class roster, please let me know. Please also inform me and feel free to correct me and your classmates on your preferred gender pronouns. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with me in person, or email me. The Gender and Sexuality Resource Center also has a webpage designed to help support people of all genders as they navigate NIU's system:

<http://niu.edu/gsrc/audience/trans.shtml>.

STUDENT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination to include sexual misconduct: harassment, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can receive confidential support and advocacy at the Counseling & Consultation Service's Advocacy Services, which can be contacted at 815-753-1206, or in Campus Life Building – room 200. Alleged violations can be reported non-confidentially to the Affirmative Action & Equity Compliance Office in Lowden Hall – room 101, at 815-753-1118, or online at <http://www.niu.edu/sexualmisconduct/help/form.shtml>. Reports to law enforcement can be made to NIU Police & Public Safety at 815-753-1212. For an emergency, call 911. For more information about Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Resources, visit <http://niu.edu/sexualmisconduct/index.shtml>. Note: As an instructor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. I also have a mandatory reporting responsibility related to my role as an instructor and a faculty advisor to a student organization. I am required to share information regarding sexual misconduct or information about a crime that may have occurred on NIU's campus with the University. Students may speak to someone confidentially by contacting Counseling & Consultation Service's Advocacy Services at 815 – 753 – 1206, or in Campus life Building – room 200.