MLSK 10A Elementary Algebra with Geometry – Spring 2016

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Course Materials:
- The textbook, College Algebra, will be posted online at SacCT (https://sacct.csus.edu)
- A scientific calculator is required. Scientific calculators that solve equations are not allowed. This means TI Pro and Casio Plus calculators are not allowed. Graphing calculators and smart phone calculators are not permitted.

Curriculum: The curriculum for MLSK 10A includes a review of fundamental concepts, measurement geometry, and introductory algebra. MLSK 10A is a course that satisfies the Entry Level Mathematics Requirement. This means that after receiving credit for MLSK 10A you may substitute course passage for passage of the ELM exam. Students who scored between 36 and 42 on the ELM will be placed in MLSK10A. This course is not recommended for students who have never had algebra or for students who scored less than 36 on the ELM. Students who scored less than 36 on the ELM should take MLSK 7A and MLSK 7B.

Course Format: The instruction for this course is provided through a structured lecture format.

Attendance and Participation: Regular attendance and effort in this course are the best guarantee of your success in this course. Each student is expected to be present and actively engaged in the daily activities. You must meet with me if you have three absences.

Homework: Homework will be assigned daily. If you are unable to come to class, you may turn in homework to my mailbox in Eureka 216 or you may photo it with your phone and email it to me. Late homework will be accepted for half credit. The last day to hand in late homework is the day of the exam for that material.

Class Work: Assignments will be given during class. Class work cannot be made up if you are absent. Your two lowest class work scores will be not be used in calculating your course grade.

Exams: There will be three 100-point exams given during the semester. Scientific calculators, as specified above, may be used on exams.

Project Assessments and Quizzes: Project assessments will involve analyzing and writing about the mathematical concepts presented in the course. Projects that involve inquiry and analysis, critical and creative thinking, and problem solving will be assigned. Late project assessments will be accepted for one week after the due date. Late project assessments will receive a maximum of 70% of the grade earned. Quizzes will be a review of in class assignments and homework and may ask students to write about the mathematical concepts presented in the course. You may not make up missed quizzes. However, your lowest quiz score will not be used in computing your course grade.

Final Exam: The 200-point final exam is comprehensive and will be given on Friday, May 20 at 8:00 – 10:00 am. You may not make-up or retake the final exam. A score of at least 70% on the comprehensive final exam is required in order to pass the course. Scientific calculators as specified above may be used on the final exam.

You will be exempt from the final exam if you do all of the following:
- Have at least an 80% average on Exams 1 – 3 AND
- Have at least an 80% average in the class prior to the final exam AND
- Take all exams on the scheduled date AND
- Are in good standing for attendance and tardies. To be in good standing you must have no more than two absences and no more than two tardies. You are considered tardy if you are more than five minutes late to class.
**Course Grade:** This course is graded as credit (CR) or no credit (NC). It may also be possible to receive a report in progress (RP) grade. If you receive an RP grade, you will be required to pay for and attend a three-week post session.

Course grades will be based on the following:

- Homework: 5%
- Classwork: 5%
- Project Assessments and Quizzes: 10%
- Exams *: 80%

* This includes three exams worth 100 points each and a 200-point comprehensive final exam.

**To earn a CR grade, a student must do all of the following:**
- Complete the course with at least a 70% average AND
- Pass the final exam with a score of at least 70% (unless you are exempt from the final exam)

**Additional Assistance:** The Math Learning Skills Lab in EUR 325 provides drop-in tutorial assistance to Math Learning Skills students. The drop in lab schedule is posted outside the lab. In addition, assistance is also available during my office hours. The Peer and Academic Resource Center (PARC) in Lassen 2200 offers tutoring for MLSK courses as well as other courses.

**Electronic Device Policy:** All electronic devices must be turned off or silenced while class is in session. This includes smart phones, tablets, laptops, etc.

**Academic Dishonesty Policy:** Although you are encouraged to share information and ideas for most of the course, you may not share information on exams. You may not use books or notes on exams or quizzes. You may use a basic scientific calculator on exams and quizzes. Graphing calculators, TI Pro, Casio Plus, and similar model calculators that solve equations, and smart phones are not allowed on exams and quizzes. You may not share a calculator with another student on an exam. If you violate any of the calculator policies on an exam it is considered cheating. Cheating on exams is a serious offense and may result in expulsion, suspension or probation from the University. Furthermore, cheating on exams will result in a NC grade in this course and a referral to the Director of Student Conduct.

**Disability Accommodations:** If you have a documented disability and are registered with Services to Students with Disabilities please see me regarding any required accommodations.

**Assessment Plan and Methodology (Baccalaureate Learning Goals):**
- Competence in the Discipline: Homework, in class assignments, exams, quizzes and project assessments will be used to demonstrate competency in the discipline.
- Intellectual and Practical Skills: Project assessments, quizzes and in class assignments will be used to demonstrate inquiry and analysis, critical and creative thinking, problem solving, and written communication.

**Retaking the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Test:** If you retake and pass the ELM test during the semester you are enrolled in MLSK 10A and wish to receive a CR grade in MLSK 10A, you may complete the course and earn a CR grade by the above course grade criteria.

**Emergency Evacuation:** In the event of an emergency evacuation, you need to go with your instructor to the assembly point. Once you are out of the building, do not leave your instructor to join your friends or leave campus. Your instructor will take attendance at the assembly point to make sure everyone has safely left the building.