

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2018	Instructor Name:	Allyn Leon
Course Title & #:	Beginning Algebra, Math 081	Email:	allyn.leon@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10090	Webpage (optional):	http://imperial.instructure.com
Classroom:	2723	Office #:	2760.2
Class Dates:	08/13/2018 - 12/08/2018	Office Hours:	M/W from 11:10-12:40 Tu/Th from 12:25-12:55
Class Days:	Tuesdays and Thursdays	Office Phone #:	760-355-6523
Class Times:	10:15 am - 12:20 pm		
Units:	4		

Course Description

An introduction to the concepts of Algebra. Topics covered include solving equations, polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, graphs and linear equations, systems of linear equations, and inequalities.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, given a problem or a set of problems, the student will demonstrate problem solving strategies by identifying an appropriate method to solve a problem, correctly set up the problem, perform the appropriate analysis and computation, and share their interpretation of the conclusion or the outcome, using correct grammar or in an oral presentation.

Important Dates

Last day to add the class: **Saturday 08/25/2018**

Last day to withdraw from the class with a "W": **Saturday 11/03/2018**

Course Objectives

Through various activities and assessments, students will:

1. Demonstrate skills in solving first degree equations.
2. Demonstrate the ability to solve many problems in diverse areas, in a step-by-step manner, when dealing with applications.
3. Develop manipulation skills when operating polynomials.
4. Demonstrate the various types of factoring and be cognizant of the factoring process.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of skills in operations with and simplifications of rational expressions.
6. Demonstrate a visual understanding of the Cartesian Coordinate System and linear graphs.
7. Demonstrate the ability to solve linear systems of equations both algebraically and graphically.
8. Demonstrate the ability to solve linear inequalities algebraically and be able to present the solutions graphically.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Textbook: Developmental Mathematics, 1E by Blitzer, Pearson Publisher. You can purchase this textbook at the bookstore bundled with MyMathLab, or you can purchase MyMathLab that has the e-book by itself. The main consideration is that you have the MyMathLab access; this is a must!

The MyMathLab Course ID is **leon35395**

Calculator: A scientific calculator can be used during class and tests, but it must be a calculator, not a phone.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Homework: There will be *practice exercises* assigned from every section that we cover for practice either from the book or through MyMathLab. These are not to be turned in.

Quizzes: There will be eight (8) group quizzes worth 25 points each. These quizzes will contain practice problems similar to the practice exercises and/or examples taken during class. Groups will be selected by the instructor at the beginning of class each day.

Tests: There will be four (4) tests during the semester. Tests 1, 2, and 3 will take place at the end of short clusters of topics. See the schedule below. Test 4 is the final. **There will be no make-up exams.** If you miss any exam, it will be recorded as a zero, and **the final exam percentage** will be used to replace that score at the end of the semester. If you miss the final, it will be recorded as a zero.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Your grade will be calculated based on the following items:

8 Group Quizzes @ 25 points each	200 points	~20%
Test 1, Test 2, Test 3 @ 200 points each	600 points	~60%
Test 4 (Final) @ 200 points	200 points	~20%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1000 points</i>	<i>100%</i>

Your final grade will be based on the following points and percentages:

90% to 100%	900-1000 points	A
80% to 89%	800-899 points	B
70% to 79%	700-799 points	C
60% to 69%	600-699 points	D
Below 60%	Below 600 points	F

The **Canvas Gradebook** is where you want to go to check your grades and progress. You can do this at any time to get an idea of how you are doing in the class.

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care

for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.

- **[Mental Health Counseling Services](#)**. Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information..

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous Information Literacy Tutorials to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Week #	Dates	Readings & Assignments	Test Dates
1	08/14	Introduction/Orientation	
	08/16	Introduction/Orientation	Group Quiz 1
2	08/21	Sections 8.1, 8.2	
	08/23	Sections 8.3, 8.4	Group Quiz 2
3	08/28	Sections 8.5, 8.6	
	08/30	Section 8.7	Group Quiz 3
4	09/04	Sections 9.1, 9.2	
	09/06	Sections 9.3, 9.4	Group Quiz 4
5	09/11	Section 9.5	
	09/13	Review	
6	09/18	Test 1	Test 1
	09/20	Sections 10.1, 10.2	
7	09/25	Sections 10.3, 10.4	
	09/27	Sections 11.1, 11.2	Group Quiz 5
8	10/02	Sections 11.3, 11.4	
	10/04	Sections 11.5, 11.6	Group Quiz 6
9	10/09	Review	
	10/11	Test 2	Test 2
10	10/16	Sections 12.1, 12.2	
	10/18	Sections 12.3	
11	10/23	Sections 12.4, 12.5	Group Quiz 7
	10/25	Sections 12.6	
12	10/30	Sections 13.1, 13.2	
	11/01	Sections 13.3, 13.4	Group Quiz 8
13	11/06	Sections 13.5, 13.6	
	11/08	Section 13.7	
14	11/13	Review	
	11/15	Test 3	Test 3
15	11/20	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
	11/22	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
16	11/27	Review	
	11/29	Review	
17	12/04	Final Exam	Test 4/Final
	12/06		