

## Math 114.MP2

Beginning Algebra

De Anza College

Spring 2016

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

**Classroom:** E-33

**Meeting Times:** MTWTh 1:30 – 3:45 pm

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**Office:** E-35b

**Office Hours:** MWTh 3:55 – 5:00 pm

**Textbook:** *Intermediate Algebra for College Students (5<sup>th</sup> edition)* by Robert Blitzer.

### Student Learning Outcomes:

- Evaluate real-world situations and distinguish between and apply exponential, logarithmic, rational, and discrete function models appropriately.
- Analyze, interpret, and communicate results of exponential, logarithmic, rational, and discrete function models in a logical manner from four points of view - visual, formula, numerical, and written.

**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:** Any student caught cheating on a quiz or an exam will receive 0 points on that quiz or exam. The same holds for any student who allows another student to cheat.

**Attendance Policy:** You are expected to be on time and attend all classes. Roll will be taken at the beginning of every class period. Arriving late and leaving early will each count as half of an absence. If you miss more than 4 classes you may be dropped from the course and the MPS program. However, if you decide that you no longer want to be enrolled in the course, it is *your* responsibility to drop the course. Failure to do so may result in an F for the course.

**Getting Help:** In addition to coming to office hours, you can get help in the following places:

- *MPS Drop-in Tutoring* in room S-41 (hours to be announced).
- *Math, Science & Technology Resource Center (MSTRC)* in room S-43, Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 6:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

**In-Class Tutor:** to be determined

**MPS Counselor:** to be determined

**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, April 16 – Last day to add

Sunday, April 17 – Last day to drop with no record of grade

Friday, May 27 – Last day to drop with a “W”

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day (holiday)

Thursday, June 16 – Last regular class day

Tuesday, June 21 – **Final Exam (1:45 – 3:45pm)**