

COLLEGE OF THE SISKIYOU - FIRST DAY HANDOUT (8/15/11 Rev 1)

Course title and number: **Pre-Algebra, MATH 0830**

Units min: **4, non-degree applicable** Instructor: **Paul Smithers** Office: **Mailbox** Instruction: **842-1245**

Units max: **4, non-degree applicable** e-mail address: **smithers@siskiyous.edu**

Class meeting times: **Section 7268** **4:00–5:50 PM** **TTH** **Yreka, Room 8**

The class meets 4 hours per week. You may enroll in a Math 70 lab if you feel you need extra help. There are several sections available at different times & days as listed in the COS schedule of classes.

While the time needed to complete assignments will vary from student to student, it is likely you can anticipate at least 8 hours of out of class work (many students will require more). Please anticipate this time when planning your weekly study schedule.

Classification of course: *Non- Degree applicable*

Prerequisites *None*

Advisory; *None*

Required; *None*

Text and/or materials needed for the course (Specify whether *required* or *recommended*):

MyMathLab Access Code bundled with text or purchased online, Pearson Prentice Hall, *required*

Basic College Mathematics, Author, Tobey; Pearson, *recommended*

Calculators are *not allowed on most assignments, quizzes or tests.*

Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLO): Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:

Do with at least 70% accuracy on timed test throughout the course:

1. Solve computational and applied problems involving whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and signed numbers with limited use of calculators.
2. Apply proportions, ratios, and percentages to everyday situations.
3. Apply geometry, financial, and other formulas.
4. Solve simple linear equations.

In addition, the student shall be able to use and understand mathematical terminology as measured implicitly in the wording of test items.

Grading:

The Letter Grade will be determined from the course percentage as follows:

<i>percentage</i>	<i>letter grade</i>
90-100	A
80-89.9	B
70-79.9	C
60-69.9	D
below 60	F

The *course percentage* will be calculated as a weighted average of the final exam percentage, test percentage, and homework percentage. The weighting is as follows:

<i>category</i>	<i>weight</i>
Homework	30
Quizzes	50
Final Exam	20

Quizzes:

There will be about eight tests, each over one chapter. Each test will be given a percentage score; the lowest score will be dropped, and the remaining scores will be averaged to give the *test percentage*.

Homework:

Homework will be MyMathLab computer software assignments at the end of the covered sections. Each Assignment will be worth 10 points. There may be some of these that will be assigned as extra credit, and this can boost your homework grade.

Attendance:

Attendance is not part of your grade. However, it is quite unlikely that you will succeed without a habit of regular attendance. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to obtain the lecture notes and any changes to the test or assignment schedule. Attendance will be taken and this may be used to decide border line grades.

Withdrawals:

You must withdraw through official channels. If you merely stop attending class, your instructor may elect to drop you and you will receive the grade your work has earned. Make sure you correspond with you instructor on prolonged absences. If you drop, please bring the slip by for the instructor to sign during office hours.

Incompletes:

Incompletes are given when a student cannot complete the course due to circumstances that were truly unavoidable—beyond the student's control (serious illness, etc.). According to COS policy, you must have a passing average in 70% of the class work already in order to get an incomplete in the course.

Missed and Late Work:

As soon as you know that you will miss a test or assignment, e-mail me using the address given on this handout. Then you may be permitted to take a makeup test. If e-mail is unavailable, leave a paper message in my school mailbox, or leave a message with the main COS Instruction phone number. If you do not leave some sort of message before the test, or as soon as you are able, you will not be permitted to make up the test. Assignments will have a due date. Late assignments may have penalties.

Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism is the willful use, especially in papers or other graded writing, of another person's words or ideas without giving them the credit in a proper citation.

Cheating is the use of resources on a graded task when such resources are not allowed. This could include, but is not limited to: proffering or accepting information during the test unless this is expressly allowed, use of books, notes, and other written materials unless said materials are expressly allowed, use of a calculator unless a calculator is expressly allowed, or collaborating or copying from another student's test, unless this is expressly allowed. It could also include a student claiming that work was done before a due date when in fact it was done after the due date.

In any instance when plagiarism or cheating has been proven to the instructor's satisfaction, the student(s) involved will receive an "F" for the course. Depending on circumstances, I may allow the student to drop with a "W" if the deadline has not passed.

Your instructor's weekly schedule:

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
3:00-4:00 PM		Math 0870 Math Lab YCNR 8		Math 0870 Math Lab YCNR 8	
4:00-5:50 PM		Math 0830 Pre-Algebra YCNR 8		Math 0830 Pre-Algebra YCNR 8	
6:00-7:15 PM		Math 0980 Intermediate Algebra YCNR 8		Math 0980 Intermediate Algebra RHSI 123	
7:15 – 7:45 PM		Office Hours YCNR 8		Office Hours RHSI 123	

Date and time of final exam:

Thursday, December 15th from 4-5:50 PM in Yreka Room 8