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Text: Algebra for College Students, third edition, by Dugopolski
Course Description: A study of sets, real numbers, operations, order, inequalities, polynomial factoring, functions, graphs, exponents, first- and second-degree equations, and systems of equations. The course will attempt to cover selected sections from chapters 1-8, as time permits.
Prerequisite: Mathematics 0100 or satisfactory score on mathematics placement test.
Attendance: College level mathematics proceeds at a pace which makes regular class attendance a necessity. Failure to attend all class meetings may result in the student receiving a grade which is less than he/she is capable of earning, due to missing material presented in the classroom. The instructor reserves the right to withdraw a student from the class for academic or disciplinary reasons.
Make-up: There will be no make-up exams given in this course. If a student misses an exam for an unexcused reason, the student will receive a 0 on that exam. If a student misses an exam for an excused reason, then the final exam will count for the final exam AND for the missed exam.
Testing and Grading: Your grade for the course will be determined by the following steps:

1. Three one hour tests will be given scheduled for:
   - First Midterm: March 2 (Thursday)
   - Second Midterm: March 30 (Thursday)
   - Third Midterm: May 4 (Thursday)
   Each test will contain problems that are similar to the homework, but not exactly the same problems. Each test counts 100 points.

2. Homework will be posted on the course web for every class and due at the beginning of class on the assigned date. Each homework will be graded based on the quantitative basis:
   - 90 - 100%: 10 points
   - 80 - 89%: 9 points
   - 70 - 79%: 8 points
   - 60 - 69%: 7 points
   - 50 - 59%: 6 points
   - 0 - 49%: 0 points

3. Quiz will be given in every class. TWO lowest quizzes will be dropped. The quiz is designed to help you see how well you are understanding the material and the exact same problem(s) will be taken from homework. The quiz will be given during the first ten minutes of the class period. There will be no make-up quizzes or extension on the time allowed to take a quiz.

4. A 150-point final exam will be given from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m on May 15 (Monday).
5. Your final average will be determined by the following:
   - Homeworks: 10%
   - Quizzes: 10%
   - Midterms: 50%
   - Final Exam: 30%

6. Final grades will be computed on the following scale:
   - A: 90 - 100
   - B: 80 - 89
   - C: 70 - 79
   - D: 60 - 69
   - F: 0 - 59

- Honesty: Giving or receiving aid on a test or assignment in whatever form may result in the incident being reported to the Honor Council President who will request a hearing. See the Honor code in the Student Handbook for details. There may be an occasional assignment where you are told to work with others, but this is the only exception.

- Notes:
  1. The Final exam is comprehensive.
  2. All exams should be taken in pencil. No ink, please.
  3. The instructor reserves the right to make adjustments in the course outline as deemed necessary.
  4. Students who are having difficulties with any of the material are encouraged to meet with the instructor at a mutually convenient time.
  5. The student is expected to refrain from eating, drinking, smoking or unnecessary conversation in class.
  6. Students who miss 5 consecutive class days or more than total of 10 days may be withdrawn from class without notice.
  7. **No graphing calculator is allowed.**