

# MA 109-001:

## COLLEGE ALGEBRA

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

MWF 8:00 – 8:50AM

CB 114

### Instructor Information:

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TBA

### Class Time and Location:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 8:00 – 8:50am, Classroom Building (CB) 114.  
All registered students are expected to attend and participate actively in class regularly.

### Course Webpage:

CANVAS: MA 109-001

### Course Syllabus:

[http://www.ms.uky.edu/ma109/spring\\_2018/syllabus.html](http://www.ms.uky.edu/ma109/spring_2018/syllabus.html)

This document can also be found on Canvas, under "Pages" then "Syllabus."

Every section of MA 109 taught at the University of Kentucky covers the same material, has the same homework due dates, exam dates, expectations, etc.

MAKE SURE TO COPY THE COURSE SCHEDULE INTO YOUR PERSONAL PLANNER/CALENDAR.

### Instructor Score:

This portion of your grade will be earned by *attending class on a regular basis* (without arriving late or leaving early), completing in-class assignments, and actively participating in the lesson. This will include daily quizzes on required reading and material learned. You will often be allowed (and encouraged) to work in groups during our class meetings.

Math is not a spectator sport!  
Attendance is quite useful to your success in this course.

## Participation:

This class is very interactive. Therefore, attendance is mandatory. The list of excused absences includes illness, death of a family member, any trips organized by the university, and religious holidays. Excused absences must be reported as soon as possible, within a week at the latest. Appropriate notification of absences due to university-related trips is required prior to the absence. *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2.*

To report an absence, **email me (your name, section, date, reason)** at the email address provided above within one business day of the absence. You are also expected to furnish proof demonstrating the cause compelling you to miss class at the next class meeting for which you are present.

Unexcused absences include missing class entirely without an excuse, showing up more than 5 minutes late or leaving early without an excuse, and neglecting to stay on task. If there are special circumstances that will require you to be late to class or must leave early on a regular basis, please contact me as soon as possible.

Students are expected to withdraw from the class if more than 20% of the classes scheduled for the semester are missed (excused) per University policy.

**\*\*Refer to the MA 109 Course Syllabus with any questions about the attendance policy.\*\***

## Homework:

This portion of your grade will be earned by completing individual online assignments outside of class. These assignments will be assigned every Tuesday and Friday (expect exam weeks) and will be online at:

WebAssign ← There will also be a link on CANVAS.

These problems offer valuable additional practice on the course topics. Please make sure to set aside an adequate amount of time to work on these problems. I will not be expected to respond to homework questions on the evening of the due date. If you need an extension, please submit a request via the WebAssign system.

## Access Code for WebAssign:

If you purchase your textbook new at any UK bookstore, this will come bundled with the book. Otherwise you will need to purchase the access code from the homework website WebAssign for about \$65. You can use WebAssign free until Wednesday, January 17 by logging into [Canvas](#). It appears that Safari on a Mac computer cannot login. We recommend using [Google Chrome](#). Once you purchase the access code, login as usual through [Canvas](#) and it will complete the registration. With WebAssign, you will gain access to an e-version of our textbook.

## YOU DO NOT NEED A REEF (I-CLICKER) ACCESS CODE FOR THIS COURSE!

## Grading components:

Points	%	Component
100	20%	Exam 1
100	20%	Exam 2
100	20%	Exam 3
100	20%	Final Exam
40	8%	Online Homework
40	8%	Instructor Score
20	4%	Written Project

## Classroom Expectations:

- I expect that you will attend and participate for the ENTIRE class.
- I expect that you will be respectful of yourself and others.
- Please do not eat your meals during class. Any drinks need to be in a container with a lid/cap.
- Please SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. If you are expecting an important phone call, please step outside of class quickly.
- I expect that you will ONLY WORK ON OUR CLASS MATERIAL during our class time. No other class work, no surfing internet/checking social media sites, no puzzles, etc. during class. If you are working on non-class material, you will be asked to leave class and receive an unexcused absence.
- Remember, you earn your grade for this class; I do not GIVE out any grades. Therefore, I expect everyone to try and do his or her best. You are responsible for your own experience in this class and university.
- The university, college and department have a commitment to respect the dignity of all and to value differences among members of our academic community.
- Obviously, the accepted level of civility would NOT INCLUDE attacks of a personal nature or statements denigrating another on the basis of race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, age, national/regional origin or other such irrelevant factors.
- Students who are not respectful, not civil or disruptive in any way will be asked to leave the class, with all subsequent penalties applied to their grade.

## There are certain things that are essential for success in this course (and any other math course.):

1. Attend class every day. Your instructor attempts to find a way to present and illustrate that material to make it understandable. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about points that are not clear and to hear responses to questions raised by other students.
2. Do the work. You should not expect to pass this course without understanding and solving completely and accurately many problems. It is no more possible to pass this course with a vague understanding of the material than it is to pass a driving test without ever having previously driven an automobile.
3. Don't get behind. If you find you do not understand a concept, make an attempt to immediately clarify it. Mathematics builds on previously learned material and gaps in understanding soon get out of hand.
4. There are two steps in solving problems. First, figure out how to do the problem. This may require lots of scratch paper and time. The next step, is to write the solution up in a logical way that could be understood by a friend with the appropriate background.
5. Stay organized. Keep a calendar or planner with all the due dates of homework, quizzes, exams, etc. This is a good idea to implement with all your classes.

***Math is the world's universal language. Be proud to speak it.***