

**Math 099N – Spring 2009**  
**Syllabus**

Instructor: Lisa Tripp  
Course ID:  
Location: MLA RM 201

Section:  
Time: M, TU, W, F  
Course website: [www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com)

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Free tutoring is available in MLA (M-F 8-4 and T 4-8)

*Course Expectations:*

The purpose of this course is to prepare you for college level mathematics. This class is a non-credit class and is non-transferable (only good at WSU); however, your grade will show up on your transcript. This course will cover the following topics: Rational Expressions, Graphs of Linear Functions, Linear Models, Systems of Equations, Inequalities, Absolute Value, Radical Expressions and Functions, Quadratic Equations and Functions, Inverse Functions, Logarithmic Functions and Exponential Functions.

*Textbook:*

*Beginning and Intermediate Algebra*, 4th Ed.; Lial, Hornsby, McGinnis: Pearson Addison-Wesley

*Grading:*

The course is graded on the standard grading scale. In order to move onto college level mathematics, you will need to earn at least a C (73%) in the course. The break-down is as follows:

A	93%-100%
A-	90%-92%
B+	88%-89%
B	83%-87%
B-	80%-82%
C+	78%-79%
C	73%-77%
C-	70%-72%
D+	68%-69%
D	60%-67%
F	<59%

Your grade for the course is calculated based on the point totals:

Homework: 12 assignments at 10 points each = 120  
Attendance & Participation: 80  
Tests: 5 exams at 100 points each = 500  
Final Exam: 200  
Total: 900

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class.

To succeed in this course students must be present each class day and actively participate in class. Additionally, students must turn in all course assignments. There is free tutoring available and strongly encouraged during the semester for all students.

#### *Homework:*

Homework assignments will be completed using Course Compass. Homework assignments are due each week on Thursday evening by 11:59pm. No late assignments will be accepted. However, the lowest homework score will be dropped. Be aware that you are able to gain 100% on each assignment if you are diligent with the assignments.

#### *Attendance & Participation:*

Participation in the course is a must if you hope to learn and succeed in this course. Attendance will be checked daily. To receive your full attendance points you must be on time to class each day. If you should have to miss class for a University related event, prior notice must be given. If notice is not given then the absence will not be excused and **five** points will be subtracted per day missed. Participation in class includes coming prepared, participating in course discussions, answering questions and asking questions. If you are caught with your cell phone out in the classroom, sleeping, or with a newspaper out in the classroom, you will forfeit *ALL* attendance and participation points on the first occurrence.

#### *Exams:*

There will be five exams, each worth 100 points, and a comprehensive final exam worth 200 points. The first five exams will cover material prior to them. The final exam will test the full semester's course work. Information regarding exams will be given as we approach them. See the course outline for the exam dates.

#### *Daily Tools:*

Each class period you will need to bring with you the following materials:

- Course Notes
- Writing Utensil
- Calculator

Note that a failure to bring these course tools can result in a loss of participation points for the day. Furthermore, newspapers, cell phones, and MP3 players must be put away anytime you are in the class room.

#### *Disability Accommodations:*

Reasonable accommodations are available for students who have a documented disability. Please notify the instructor during the first class session of any accommodations needed for the course.

This applies to learning disabilities as well as physical disabilities. Late notification may cause the requested accommodations to be unavailable. All accommodations must be approved through the Disability Resource Center (DRC) in Administration Annex 205. Their phone and e-mail are 335-1566; [drc@mail.wsu.edu](mailto:drc@mail.wsu.edu) .

#### *Academic Dishonesty:*

Any form of academic dishonesty, as specified by WAC 504-26-010, may result in receiving a zero for the assignment or exam and/or a failing grade for the course. All instances of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. For more information, please see the following website <http://www.conduct.wsu.edu/>.

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