



Course Prefix/Number/Title: Course Prefix/Number/Title: ASC 91 – Algebra Prep

Number of Credits: 2 credits

Course Description: A person stung by a bee at a young age tends to avoid bees. Students stung by Math tend to avoid math. As a result when students decide after leaving high school they would like to pursue a college degree of some sort, they find they now need the Mathematics background they avoided in High School. No one is at fault, attitudes commonly change with age, but lack of Math Skills can provide a barrier to further progress. This course is organized to lessen anxiety, and find the pieces of Math missing that may be missing halting the student's further progress, as well as instituting a working understanding of the power of solving, using tools of Algebra.

Pre-/Co-requisites: none

Course Objectives:

It is expected that students will be able to

- Perform basic algebraic operations using positive and negative numbers, fractions, and exponents
- Demonstrate an understanding of terms and rules used in algebra
- Utilize problem-solving strategies to solve problems
- Simplify expressions & solve equations and inequalities
- Analyze and solve various types of math problems

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- Lecture/Lab Schedule: online through Blackboard
- Textbook(s): **MyMathLab online learning software Pearson Publishing** with *Beginning & Intermediate Algebra 5th Edition* by Tobey, Slater, Blair and Crawford being an option, MyMathLab will be the primary resource.

Course Requirements:

Participation is expected. Learning takes place through participation and engagement in the material and the course, and thus, it is essential that you login and actively participate in class on a regular bases. Interaction in an online course is different than in an in-person class, but we can make it work. Use the discussion feature in Blackboard to ask me and your classmates questions. Working with others to discuss the material will help you gain a better understanding of it.

As part of an online course, you will spend more time teaching yourself concepts than you may be used to doing. Thus, you may have to watch and re-watch the videos. Take notes, work along with the examples in the videos, try and retry problems using the online resources, or try odd problems in the etext so you can check your answers. It is ok to make mistakes!!! *Learning requires mistakes!* When you get stuck, work problems online in the study plan, re-watch the online videos, ask another student, or email me after you have given it your best shot.

Weekly Discussions: Each week you will be required to make an initial post and at least two responses to other classmates' postings. Your initial post is required to be completed by each Wednesday at midnight and must be at least three sentences. Two responses to other classmates are due by Sunday at midnight and must be at least one sentence that adds to the discussion. Simply saying "I agree" is not sufficient. Remember to be respectful in your opinions and respect the opinions of others. In other words, be polite, courteous, and considerate.

Homework: Homework is an important part of this course. It is extremely important for you to login and do the homework every day! I will assign weekly homework problems. These problems are the minimum amount of homework that you should complete. You must earn a 70% or higher on each section homework to move on to the next section. If you need to do more problems to understand the material, then you should do so.

The MyMathLab tools section in Blackboard is loaded with tools to help you learn – multimedia library with videos and animations, the book in an online format, and the study plan which is an area for extra practice. Use these materials to your advantage. When working homework problems in MyMathLab, you will notice icons on the side; you can click on these to pop-up videos, similar examples, and other helpful materials.

It is up to you to keep up and not fall behind. If you do not watch the videos and work problems, it is highly unlikely that you will be successful in this course. You must do the homework in a timely fashion and ask questions when you get stuck. Those who are successful in math persist through frustration, but still ask questions after giving it their best try.

Tests: Will be at the end of each study unit 40% of final grade

****All homework and tests in this course should be done *WITHOUT* using a calculator!!!**

A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79% D = 60-69%

Tentative Course Outline:

This schedule is designed to give you an idea of where you should be in the course. All of the homework assignments and quizzes are open through the end of the semester, but this timeline will help keep you on track to complete all of the material in the course.

Chapter	Topics	Dates
Chapter 0 Sections 0.1 – 0.5	Prealgebra Review	Weeks 1-2
Chapter 1 Sections 1.1 – 1.9	Real Numbers and Variables	Weeks 3-5
Chapter 2 Sections 2.1 – 2.6,2.8	Equations, Inequalities, and Applications	Week 6-7
PROCTORED Final Exam	COMPREHENSIVE	Week 8

General Education Competency/Learning Outcome(s) OR CTE Competency/Department Learning Outcome(s): none

Relationship to Campus Focus: This course develops algebra skills that are used to solve problems in science, technology, business, and social sciences.

Classroom Policies:

Regular participation is expected.

Learning activities and evaluation will be linked to the MyMathLab learning system and requires

internet connectivity. Students need to set up or select an environment conducive to study and

testing.

Students should complete the tests without the use of a calculator, notes, or other materials.

Student Email Policy:

Dakota College at Bottineau is increasingly dependent upon email as an official form of communication. A student's campus-assigned email address will be the only one recognized by the Campus for official mailings. The liability for missing or not acting upon important information conveyed via campus email rests with the student.

Academic Integrity:

According to the DCB Student Handbook, students are responsible for submitting their own work. Students who cooperate on oral or written examinations or work without authorization share the responsibility for violation of academic principles, and the students are subject to disciplinary action even when one of the students is not enrolled in the

course where the violation occurred. The Code detailed in the Academic Honesty/Dishonesty section of the Student Handbook will serve as the guideline for cases where cheating, plagiarism or other academic improprieties have occurred.

Disabilities or Special Needs:

Students with disabilities or special needs (academic or otherwise) are encouraged to contact the instructor and Disability Support Services.

Title IX:

Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students and for the College as a whole. Please be aware that all DCB employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as advocates, counselors, clergy and healthcare providers) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the College Title IX Coordinator. This means that if a student tells a faculty member about a situation of sexual harassment or sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the College's Title IX Coordinator. Students wishing to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility can find a list of resources on the DCB Title IX webpage.