

**Math 114.MP4**  
Intermediate Algebra  
De Anza College  
Winter 2018

**Instructor:** Dr. Jim Mailhot (pronounced MY-it)

**Classroom:** S54

**Meeting Times:** MTWTh 1:30 – 3:45 pm

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**Office:** E35b

**Office Hours:** MTWTh 3:55 – 4:45 pm

**Textbook:** *Intermediate Algebra for College Students (7<sup>th</sup> edition)* by Robert Blitzer.

**Grading:** Your grade in this course will be based on homework, in-class assignments, quizzes, three midterms and a comprehensive final exam, weighted as follows:

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| Homework and in-class assignments: | 12.5%    |
| Quizzes (lowest score dropped):    | 12.5%    |
| 3 Midterms:                        | 15% each |
| Final Exam:                        | 30%      |

Approximate grade breakdowns are:

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|----------------|-------------|
| 90% and above: | A or A-     |
| 80 – 90%:      | B+, B or B- |
| 70 – 80%:      | C+ or C     |
| 60 – 70%:      | D           |
| under 60%:     | F           |

**Homework:** A list of homework problems for the quarter will be e-mailed to students. Homework will be collected *at the beginning* of class every Wednesday, from the sections we covered in class the previous week. Late homework will not be accepted. Homework assignments should be neat and legible, stapled together, without any “fringes”.

**Quizzes:** I will give pop quizzes in class on a random basis. Calculators and notes are *not* allowed on quizzes. Make-up quizzes will not be given. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped.

**Exams:** There will be three in-class midterms and a comprehensive final exam. You may bring one 8.5”×11” sheet of hand-written notes (both sides) to exams. Calculators are *not* allowed on exams. Make-up exams will not be given.

**Getting Help:** In addition to coming to office hours, you can get help in the MPS tutoring center (S41). The MPS tutoring center’s hours are:

- M-Th: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
- F: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Cheating Policy:** Don’t be a cheater. Any student caught cheating on a quiz or an exam will receive *zero points* on that quiz or exam. The same holds for any student who allows another student to cheat.

**Attendance Policy:** You are expected to be on time and attend all classes. Roll will be taken at the beginning of every class period. If you miss more than 4 classes you may be dropped from the course and the MPS program. Coming late or leaving early counts as half of an absence. However, if you decide that you no longer want to be enrolled in the course, it is *your* responsibility to drop the course. Failure to do so may result in an F for the course.

**In-Class Tutors:** J.P. and Dima

**MPS Counselor:** Melissa Maturino (maturinomelissa@fhda.edu)

**Be Courteous** to your fellow students. Please make sure your cell phones, iPods and other electronic devices are turned off. Anyone who repeatedly disrupts the class may be asked to leave.

**College Policies:**

- Students *can not* take the same class more than three times for a grade, *including W*.
- Late adds and late drops *will not* be processed.

**Important Dates:**

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday (holiday)

Saturday, January 20 – Last day to add

Sunday, January 21 – Last day to drop with no record of grade

Monday, February 19 – Presidents’ Day (holiday)

Friday, March 2 – Last day to drop with a “W”

Thursday, March 22 – Last regular class day

Tuesday, March 27 – **Final Exam (1:45 – 3:45 pm)**

**Student Learning Outcome(s):**

\*Evaluate real-world situations and distinguish between and apply exponential, logarithmic, rational, and discrete function models appropriately.

\*Analyze, interpret, and communicate results of exponential, logarithmic, rational, and discrete models in a logical manner from four points of view - visual, formula, numerical, and written.