Intermediate Algebra---Math 108
4 Credits- Fall 2009

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Course Description:
This course is designed to prepare the student for college algebra. It covers real
number properties and operations, variable expressions, first degree equations, and
inequalities, second degree equations, linear analytic geometry, systems of linear
equations, polynomials, exponents, radicals, rational expressions, functions, relations,
graphs of inequalities and logarithms.

Prerequisite: Math 025 with a C grade or higher, or placement from COMPASS
recommendation of 41 or higher.

Required Textbook and Supplies:
*A calculator with LOG and EXPONENTIAL functions
*graph paper

Course Objectives:
The student will demonstrate a working knowledge of the material covered in
Chapters 1-9 of the textbook. The topics are listed in the course description above.
Satisfactory completion of the homework, chapter tests, and the course final should
indicate to both of us that you have achieved the course objectives. You should leave
this course well prepared and with good confidence to begin Math 130, Math 143,
Math 147 and other course which have an Intermediate Algebra pre-requisite.

Outcomes Assessment:
You will be asked to complete a student evaluation at the end of the semester.
Also, regular informal feedback will be solicited throughout the course in an effort to
improve the class as we go along. Please feel free to contact me or CSI with any
suggestions or concerns. Don’t wait until some relatively small thing becomes a big
problem. The Math 108 FINAL will be a common comprehensive test that will be
compared to other 108 students. The comparison will not effect your grade.

Policies and Procedures:
a. Attendance is mandatory for a student to be successful in this course!
b. It is very important for you to do the assignments because practice is the only way to
develop and improve math skills. Homework will be assigned each day and will be
collected the next scheduled class day. If you cannot make it to class, have someone
deliver your assignment for you. Assignments turned in late could earn half credit if it
is received by me before that set is returned to other class members, but no credit if
that set has been returned to the class. You must show your work on all problems or
credit cannot be given. Please be sure to include your name, class time and the
assignment number on your paper. Homework will be totaled and averaged with total
points possible on all homework to equal one test score of 100 pts.
c. A student will be subject to a failing grade (0 credit) if caught cheating on any test or
copying another student’s assignment.
d. A missed test will be recorded as a zero unless you make arrangements with me
prior to the scheduled test time. If you must miss an exam, contact me before the test
to schedule a makeup test.
e. You may replace your lowest chapter test score with your Final Exam grade. If you
miss a test, that would be the score replaced. You cannot replace a 0 test score
resulting from some form of cheating. You must complete the Final exam and you
cannot replace your homework average.

f. No cell phone may be used during class. If you are caught texting during class you may be dropped from the course.

**Academic Integrity:** Please read the behavioral policy on **Honesty** starting on page 15 of the [current CSI Catalog](#). Any violation of the policy will be dealt with severely, including but not limited to, being dismissed from the class and/or given a grade of “F” for the course.

**Disability Services:** Any student with a documented disability may be eligible for related accommodations. To determine eligibility and secure services, students should contact the Coordinator of Disability Services at their earliest opportunity after registration for a class. Student Disability Services is located on the second floor of the Taylor building room 271 on the Twin Fall campus. 208-732-6291 or e-mail Candida Darling  cddarling@csi.edu

**On-line course evaluation statement:**
Students are strongly encouraged to complete evaluations at the end of the course. Evaluations are very important to assist the teaching staff to continually improve the course. Evaluations are available online at: [http://evaluation.csi.edu](http://evaluation.csi.edu). Evaluations open up two weeks prior to the end of the course. The last day to complete an evaluation is the last day of the course. During the time the evaluations are open, students can complete the course evaluations at their convenience from any computer with Internet access, including in the open lab in the Library and in the SUB. When students log in they should see the evaluations for the courses in which they are enrolled. Evaluations are anonymous. Filling out the evaluation should only take a few minutes. Your honest feedback is greatly appreciated!

**Grading Procedure**  *Tentative because we might have to combine some chapters later in the semester.*

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### CSI E-mail

*Since email is the primary source of written communication with students, all registered CSI students get a college email account.* Student e-mail addresses have the following format: `<address>@eaglemail.csi.edu` where `<address>` is a name selected by the student as a part of activating his/her account. Students activate their accounts and check their CSI e-mail online at [http://eaglemail.csi.edu](http://eaglemail.csi.edu). Instructors and various offices send messages to these student accounts. **Students must check their CSI e-mail accounts regularly to avoid missing important messages and deadlines.** At the beginning of each semester free training sessions are offered to students who need help in using their accounts.
**Aids available to you for this course:**

a. Me. I am available to help you outside this class. Please stop by my office if you need extra explanation.

b. Videotapes and DVDs of the subject matter are available in several locations. Most may be checked out overnight. Front desk of the library, Math Lab (Shields 207), ADC Instruction lab (GRM 202)--These tapes are for in lab use only.

c. One on one peer tutoring is available at the Academic Development Center Instruction Lab (GRM 202), see Kat Powell the Learning Assistance Coordinator 732 - 6548 M – Th 8:00 - 4:30, or Math Lab (Shields 207)

**The Testing Center (GRM 230) is open the following hours:**

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* You must have a picture ID in order to check out a tape in the ADC or a test in the Testing center. You cannot start a test in the Testing Center if closing time is less than one hour away.

**4 Easy steps to be successful:**

- Show up and pay attention
- Ask questions
- Practice
- Don’t Quit!!!