Intermediate Algebra---Math 108  
4 Credits- Spring 2007

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Fri. 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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.

Required Textbook and Supplies:
* A calculator with LOG and EXPONENTIAL functions, but not a graphing calculator.  
* graph paper

Course Objectives:
The student will demonstrate a working knowledge of the material covered in Chapters 1-10 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 college algebra/pre-calculus and/or Micron’s electronic courses.

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 will 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 counted as 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.** Reminder that only non-graphing calculators may be used when taking a test and the Final.

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.

**Academic Integrity:** Please read the behavioral policy on **Honesty** starting on page 17 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 on the Twin Fall campus. 208-732-6250 (voice) or 208-734-9929 (TTY) of e-mail aflannery@csi.edu.

**Grading Procedure**

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Any student who has not met the required outcome to receive a letter grade of C or better, but honestly completing all work required, will be given an NC grade. Those students who have not completed all the required work or have failed to attend regularly and their grade average is below 70% will receive a grade of D or F.

**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 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)

d. Computer tutoring programs which parallel our textbook are available at ADC Instruction lab (GRM 202), Math Lab (Shields 207)—or from supplementary material in your book.

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

8:00 am-9:30 pm M-Th
8:00 am-5:00 pm Fri.

* 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!!!