



Course Designator:	MTH 105
Course Title:	Intermediate Algebra
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Location:	Online
Course Dates:	05/20/2023 to 06/28/2023
Course Days and Times:	Online Asynchronous
Prerequisites:	Placement or successful completion of MTH 101

Free Textbook: *Intermediate Algebra 2e*. Houston, TX: OpenStax CNX. Retrieved from <https://openstax.org/details/books/intermediate-algebra-2e>

We will follow the textbook closely; it is strongly recommended that you read the textbook concurrently with the video lectures.

Course descriptions: Rational and radical expressions and equations, integer and rational exponents, functions, graphs, systems of equations and inequalities, quadratic equations. Successful completion of this course satisfies the [University Mathematics Competency](#) requirement.

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Homework: There will be a series of assignments based on the online WeBWoRk system (accessible through Blackboard). Assignments are made available at 11:59pm on Sunday nights each week. With this being only a six-week course, each week is split into two sections. The first set of assignments will be due on Thursdays at noon, and the second set of assignments will be due on Sunday night at 11:59pm. *Note that the sixth (final) week has a shortened schedule with the first set of assignments due on Tuesday at 11:59pm and the final exam due on Thursday at 11:59pm.*

Quizzes: There will be weekly quizzes based on the online WeBWork system. The quiz problems are from the previous homework, and it is open note.

- You have 20 minutes to complete this quiz after first opening it. You can use “Preview test” to make sure the format of your answers is correct and to save your answers as many times as you wish.
- When you are done, click “Grade Test.” Clicking “Grade Test” counts as one submission. The quiz allows up to three submissions. So, enter all your answers for all questions, then click “Grade Test.” The maximum score among three submissions will be recorded as your quiz score. If you get a good score the first time around, there’s no need to make additional submissions. If you didn’t, you can try again if there’s any time left in the 20 minutes.
- Please note that if you click into WeBWork multiple times, it will log you out and you may lose unsaved work.
- To take the quiz, go to Blackboard, click Assignments, click CMU WeBWork, and then click Quiz1, Quiz2, etc.

Exams: There will be three exams during the semester, and they will be scheduled during the second halves of the second, fourth, and final week, respectively. The format of this exam is the same as the quiz format, it will just have more questions and you will be allotted 90 minutes for each exam. Note that the final exam is a comprehensive exam.

Grading: Your grade in this course will be based on the following components: Quizzes (20%), homework (20%), Exam 1 (20%), Exam 2 (20%), Final Exam (20%). The final exam is comprehensive. If you work hard at the course material and the assigned problems, you should do well in the course. The grading scale is the following:

Percent	Grade	Percent	Grade
93-100%	A	73-76%	C
90-92%	A-	70-72%	C-
87-89%	B+	67-69%	D+
83-86%	B	63-66%	D
80-82%	B-	60-62%	D-
77-79%	C+	<60%	E

Mathematics Assistance Center: The CMU [Mathematics Assistance Center](#) provides free tutoring in mathematics and statistics to students enrolled in select courses. Tutoring online and via telephone.

Calculators and written materials: You may use whatever resources you wish to do the homework, including calculators, textbooks, friends, computer, etc. Calculators are expected for the exams.

Other notes: It is important that you read Announcements three to five times each week. All the important information, updates, and answers, etc. are posted there because this is the first page when you log into the class. When you have questions, please feel free to use email to contact me.

Technical Help: Blackboard will be incorporated to some extent in this course. If you have a technical issue related to Blackboard, please contact the [OIT Help Desk](#) at (989) 774-3662, or helpdesk@cmich.edu.

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Note: for each class the student will need to provide to their instructors an updated (for the current semester) "Notification Letter to the Instructor" outlining the accommodations the student is approved to receive.

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