

Course Syllabus

Math 50 — Beginning Algebra

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Section #51163 4 units

M–W, 6 – 9:50 pm

Room ESC–302

Breaks: 6:50–7pm

7:50–8pm, 8:50–9pm

Office Hours: Mon. through Thurs., 5:10 – 5:45 pm in The Learning Center (TLC).

Communication: Feel free to email me at tbusken@palomar.edu or through mymathlab.com. I will send out important announcements and reminders from time to time via text message or email. In order to receive these messages from me, you must sign yourself up at remind101.com/join/tbuske. You can choose to receive my messages from me by either text message or email.

Prerequisites: A minimum grade of 'C' in MATH 15, or eligibility determined through the math placement process.

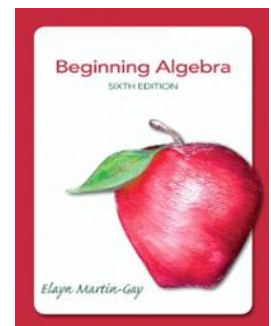
Course Description: Elementary algebra, which emphasizes mathematical reasoning, problem solving, and real-world applications using numerical, algebraic, and graphic models. Topics include problem-solving techniques, algebraic expressions, polynomials, linear equations, linear inequalities, linear and nonlinear graphs, systems of linear equations in two variables, integer exponents, proportions, and radicals.

Final Exam Date: Thursday, August 7th

Textbook: You must have one of the following

Hard copy of textbook: Beginning Algebra, 6th edition, Martin-Gay,
with MyMathLab access code.

Online text: MyMathLab access code (see last page of syllabus)



Grading:

Participation	5%
Homework	15%
Exams	60% (4 exams @ 15% each)
Final Exam	20%

Online Gradebook: All grades will be posted on mymathlab's gradebook.

Numerical course grades are rounded to the nearest whole percentage and translate to a letter grade.
A = 90%—100% B = 80%—89% C = 70%—79% D = 60%—69% F = 0%—59%

Required Materials: In addition to having the MyMathlab access code, a scientific calculator is required for this course. Please bring a calculator to class each day. If you are going to buy a

scientific calculator, a good choice is the TI-30XIIS, which costs about \$15. Please maintain a small, three-ring binder with your calendar, syllabus and notes from class, group and lecture time. Bring you binder with you to every class, along with pencils, erasers and calculator.

Make Up Tests: There will be 4 tests (worth 15% each) and a comprehensive final worth 25%. There will be **no makeup exams** for any reason. Your lowest test grade will be replaced with the grade you earn on the final, provided it is higher.

In this class we will be learning how to do problems algebraically in a step-by-step fashion. For all tests, points are assigned to steps and notation, as well as to the final answer. Getting the correct answer is only worth a small portion of the total points for the problem. To earn full credit for a problem, you must show all steps, use correct algebra and notation, and arrive at the correct answer.

Homework: Homework will be online via MyMathLab. Due dates will be available through MyMathLab. I do NOT accept late homework or corrections to homework. You may not use internet or technology issues as an excuse for incomplete assignments. There are computers in the The Learning Center (TLC) that you may use for the online assignments if you are having issues with your home equipment or if you do not have a computer. TLC is located in the Escondido Center next to the library and cafeteria. If you need a lot of help with the homework, you need to get over to TLC before you get far behind.

Course Procedures: The format of the class will be a combination of in-class activities, group work, discussion, procedures and mini-lectures. Homework will be assigned daily. Questions on homework will be discussed at each class meeting. It will be your responsibility to complete and correct homework problems and make sure you understand them.

Lecture: Attending class is an important component of learning. Each meeting includes some notes and discussion to help clarify and understand the main ideas of the sections covered. Students who miss class are still responsible for announcements or changes regarding the course outline, class activities, homework assignments, due dates and exam dates. Please come to lecture alert and prepared to learn. Prior to class, skim through the section and work some of the examples. After lecture, reread the text and review your lecture notes before starting the homework set.

Class Attendance: Class attendance is an integral part of the learning process for this course. Students are expected to attend class regularly, as well as to arrive and depart on time. Students with excessive absences (including tardiness) may be withdrawn from the class. Note that although college policy provides for a certain number of class absences, that number covers all types of absences, including absences such as those due to documented illness or other emergency; absences for illness or emergencies are not accommodated in addition to those allowable under the attendance policy. Students may be withdrawn after more than two weeks absence of any kind.

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones, pagers, and other such electronic devices must be turned off during class and lab time. Communication by electronic devices, including but not limited to instant messaging, text messaging, and telephone, during class is strictly prohibited unless expressly des-

ignated as part of the learning activities. Use of electronic communication devices during examinations or other graded activities may constitute grounds for disciplinary action. Where emergency or employment situations require access to electronic communication services, arrangements may be made in advance with the instructor. In certain circumstances, (e.g., exams, presentations, etc.), students may be required to temporarily deposit cell phones or other communications devices with the instructor or lab supervisor for the duration of the specific class or activity.

Participation: It is your obligation, as well as your responsibility, to participate in class discussions and in-class assignments. I encourage everyone to be active learners; this means you ask questions in class whenever you do not understand something. I advise you to get to know your classmates and to work in groups outside of class, if possible.

Academic Integrity Cheating is considered fraud. If you are caught cheating, you may be given a grade of “F” for the assignment or exam. Students should be familiar with the college’s [Statement on academic integrity](#).

Resources: Keeping up is important, as is getting help if you feel lost. Help is available! The following resources are at your disposal:

1. Professor – Ask questions in class!
2. Study groups - Form a study group with other students in the class. You will find that you can solve harder problems and write better solutions by working together. Discussing ideas with others in a group setting is a good way to improve your own understanding.
3. TLC Tutoring – (Escondido Campus) Palomar College offers tutoring and study group support at the Teaching & Learning Center (TLC). In addition to providing a quiet, comfortable space to work in where you can get tutor help, TLC has three small rooms for group study, wireless internet, computers, printing stations and more
4. Mathematics Learning Center and Computer Lab – (Main Campus) The Mathematics Learning Center provides tutoring on a walk-in basis, computer tutorials for individual practice and review and a group study area. The center is located in room E-2. To use the center you must first enroll in N BASC 202, Class #73567

Academic Accomodation: Any student who may need an academic accommodation should discuss the situation with me during the first week of class. Students with disabilities who may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact [Disability Resource Center \(DRC\)](#) early in the semester so that reasonable accommodations may be implemented as soon as possible. Students may contact DRC in person or by phone at 760-744-1150 ext. 2375.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to add, change or modify the syllabus and calendar, including test days, by announcing such changes in class.

June 2014
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <small>Last day to waitlist</small>	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Syllabus</i> <i>1.4 — 1.8</i> <i>2.1</i>	18	19 <i>2.1 — 2.4</i> <i>2.9</i>	20	21
22	23 <small>Last day to add with a permission code Last day to drop with No Grade on Record</small>	24 <i>2.5 — 2.8</i>	25	26 <i>Review</i> <i>Test 1</i> <i>3.1 — 3.2</i>	27	28
29	30	1 <i>3.2 — 3.5</i> <small>Last day to change to audit or p/np</small>	2 <small>Refund/waiver deadline</small>	3 <i>4.1 — 4.4</i>	4	5

July 2014
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <small>Refund/waiver deadline</small>	3 <i>4.1 — 4.4</i>	4	5
6	7	8 <i>4.5 — 4.6</i> <i>Review</i>	9	10 <i>5.1, 5.5,</i> <i>5.2, 5.3</i> <small>Last day to drop with a W grade</small>	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Test 2</i> <i>5.4, 5.6</i>	16	17 <i>6.1 — 6.4</i>	18	19
20	21	22 <i>6.5, 6.6,</i> <i>9.5</i> <i>Review</i>	23	24 <i>Test 3</i> <i>7.1 — 7.3</i>	25	26
27	28	29 <i>7.4 — 7.6</i> <i>8.1</i>	30	31 <i>8.2 — 8.5</i>		

August 2014
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	<i>Review Test 4 Final Review</i>	6	<i>Final Exam</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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1. Go to pearsonmylabandmastering.com.
2. Under Register, click **Student**.
3. Enter your instructor's course ID: **busken07586**, and click **Continue**.
4. Sign in with an existing Pearson account or create an account:
 - If you have used a Pearson website (for example, MyITLab, Mastering, MyMathLab, or MyPsychLab), enter your Pearson username and password. Click **Sign in**.
 - If you do not have a Pearson account, click **Create**. Write down your new Pearson username and password to help you remember them.
5. Select an option to access your instructor's online course:
 - Use the access code that came with your textbook or that you purchased separately from the bookstore.
 - Buy access using a credit card or PayPal.
 - If available, get 14 days of temporary access. (Look for a link near the bottom of the page.)
6. Click **Go To Your Course** on the Confirmation page. Under MyLab & Mastering New Design on the left, click **Busken50** to start your work.

Retaking or continuing a course?

If you are retaking this course or enrolling in another course with the same book, be sure to use your existing Pearson username and password. You will not need to pay again.

To sign in later:

1. Go to pearsonmylabandmastering.com.
2. Click **Sign in**.
3. Enter your Pearson account username and password. Click **Sign in**.
4. Under MyLab & Mastering New Design on the left, click **Busken50** to start your work.

Additional Information

See **Students > Get Started** on the website for detailed instructions on registering with an access code, credit card, PayPal, or temporary access.

How to sign up for T. Busken's Math 50 messages:

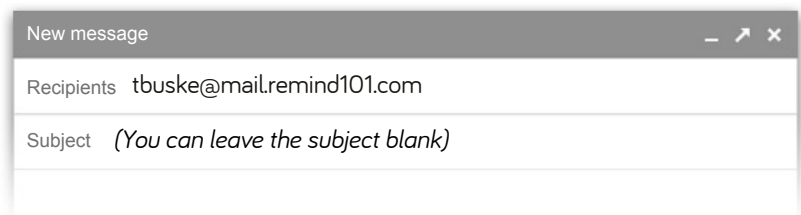


To receive messages via text, text **@tbuske** to **(858) 346-7931**. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @tbuske'.



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