Exploring Mathematics
Syllabus

Course Name and Number: MS108 Exploring Mathematics, Spring 2017

   Time and Room: Section 3: Tues. and Thurs., 9:15–10:45, Ayers Hall room 114
   Section 4: Tues. and Thurs., 2:30–4:00, Ayers Hall room 116

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Office Hours:
   Monday        Tuesday        Wednesday        Thursday        Friday
   10:00–11:00   11:00–12:00   10:00–11:00   11:00–12:00   10:00–11:00
   3:00–4:00     1:30-2:15   3:00-4:00     1:30-2:15     3:00-4:00

Required Textbook:

Other Required Materials:
   A *scientific calculator* capable of performing advanced algebraic calculations *required* for this course. Such calculators are quite common and fairly inexpensive. Be forewarned that I may not be able to help you with problems specific to your calculator if you are using a model with which I am not familiar. It is also *strongly recommended* that you be comfortable with the campus Internet service or with some other Internet service provider so that you can contact me via e-mail (address given above) and access any class materials available online (see below).

Prerequisites:
   MS100 Intermediate Algebra or its equivalent.

Expected Coverage in Textbook:
   This course will cover Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in the textbook, as indicated in the Course Schedule handout.

Exam Schedule:
   Three 60-minute in-class exams:

   *Final Exam:*
   - Section 3: Tuesday April 18, 10:30am
   - Section 4: Thursday April 20, 1:00pm

Homework:
   Homework will be administered and graded online — sign into the online homework system at [http://www.MyMathLab.com](http://www.MyMathLab.com) using the access information given below.
The first two sections are due on Thursday Jan. 12, at midnight, to be sure that you are registered on MyMathLab early in the course; otherwise, all sections covered on an in-class exam are due on the class day before the exam (the same day as the review for the exam), at midnight that night. The last sections, which include topics covered on the Final exam, are due on the last day of classes (again, the same day as the review for the Final exam), at midnight that night. Extensions are not available. If you do not get your account set up with the class key (see below) before assignments are due, you will not be allowed to go back and complete the assignments you missed.

**Accessing Online Homework System:**

The first time you log into the online homework system at [http://www.MyMathLab.com](http://www.MyMathLab.com), click “Student” in the box on the right side of the screen. On the next screen, click “OK! Register now.” In the box titled “Enter Your Course ID” at the top of the screen, enter the course ID number for your section:

- Section 3: leathrum71568
- Section 4: leathrum58861

Then click “Continue.”

On the next screen, verify the class information in the box titled “Your Course.” If you already have a MyMathLab account from a previous course, enter your username and password under “Sign In with Your Pearson Account,” and click the “Sign In” button — this course will be added to your account. Otherwise, under “Create a Pearson Account,” click “Create.” On the next screen, enter your preferred log in and account profile information to create your account and add this course to your new account. When you log into MyMathLab again another time, you will need your username and your password. You will also be prompted for a textbook access code — this comes packaged with your textbook, or you can purchase it separately either at the bookstore (on a separate card) or online.

**Course Information Available Online:**

Some course information, such as this Syllabus and other handouts, will be available online, at the following address: [http://cs.jsu.edu/mcis/faculty/leathrum/ms108](http://cs.jsu.edu/mcis/faculty/leathrum/ms108). Please note that material related to exams, including review sheets and solutions guides, will not be available online.

*For other information about this course, such as grading policies, see the General Policies handout.*