Online Math 70 - Syllabus

**COURSE:**
Math 070 Online - Elementary Algebra, with computerized instruction (4 units) [Click here for Math 070 Course Description.](#)
The first on campus meeting on Wed, Feb. 6 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in Room ME 100 is a mandatory meeting. Do not miss this meeting or you will risk being dropped from the class.

There will be five additional on campus meetings for midterms and the final, all on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. All other work will be done online using the website www.educosoft.com.

This course is a beginning algebra class taught at an accelerated pace. It is designed for a student who is very confident or who is reviewing Algebra I. **The online Math 070 is not recommended for students who have previously been unsuccessful in math or who have math anxiety, nor is it recommended for a student learning algebra for the first time.** Those students should choose a traditional classroom setting.

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**TEXTBOOK:**

The Educo books are not displayed on the shelves in the AVC bookstore but are kept in a back room. An attendant must be called to help you purchase the book. Be sure to specify that you are taking the online course with Dr. Kitto. The text is different from those used by some of the other classes. Once the book is purchased you will not be able to return it, so be sure this class is right for you before buying.

With a new book you will be able to register in the Educosoft website free of charge. If you have no book (or a used book) then a fee is charged for use of the website. Once registered in the website ([www.educosoft.com](http://www.educosoft.com)) you will
have access to an e-book, so it is acceptable to register into educosoft without a book. All students must register in educosoft, by one method or another.

If you are a repeating student, having used educosoft for Math 70 within the past year, registration in educosoft is free for you. In this case you must register with the same user name and password you used previously.

**PREREQUISITE:**

You must have completed Math 060 (pre-algebra) or have obtained a satisfactory score on the algebra readiness assessment test in order to register for Math 070.

**GRADES AND TESTING:**

Your course grade will be determined by:
1. Homework assigned daily (10% of your grade)
2. A series of weekly quizzes (15% of your grade)
3. Four midterms (55% of your grade), **given on campus**
4. Five “take-home” practice tests (5% of your grade)
5. Final Exam (15% of your grade), **on campus**

Math 070 is designated as a “credit / no credit” course. In order to pass you must earn a C or better. The cutoff percentages for A, B, C are 90%, 80%, 70%, respectively, so you must earn a score of 70% or better to pass. The final exam will be comprehensive. [Click here to view the on campus test schedule.](#)

**QUIZZES:**

You will have a short quiz once or twice each week testing the material covered during that week. Quizzes will be completed online via the Educo web-based system. The two lowest quiz scores will be discarded.

**HOMEWORK:**

Homework will be assigned and completed online via the EducoSoft Website. A Math Computer Lab (ME 100) will be open daily for your use when it is not convenient to work at home. You must register with the Educo Learning System ([www.educosoft.com](http://www.educosoft.com)) using the personal ID number in your book or by direct payment to educosoft.com. You will receive instructions on using the website at the orientation meeting. [Click here to view the homework and quiz schedule.](#)

**PRACTICE TESTS**

A practice test is assigned before each on campus test. The practice tests are posted on educosoft. You must print out each practice test for yourself. On the opening page of your educosoft “class” look for “Resources” in the left hand column. Under Resources there is a “Documents” list. The practice tests are located in the “Documents” section. You must show all your work on the problems to get full credit for the practice test. Answers are also posted under “Documents.”

**MAKE-UPS:**

No make-up midterms will be given. The lowest of the four midterm scores will be discarded. The zero score for a missed test will be the one omitted. If you know in advance that you must miss a midterm, you may take it early, by
MATH LAB AND EXTRA HELP: Be sure to contact me with your questions. I have five formal office hours per week, as listed above, and I am available at other times by appointment. I will monitor my e-mail messages several times a day. You may also get help on a drop-in basis from a student aid in the Math Lab (located in the Learning Center), during the lab hours as posted. The Lab Technician in room ME100 is also very helpful.

ORIENTATION The on campus orientation is mandatory. Until then, you can get more information about the course and about Educo by visiting the web site www.educosoft.com.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: If you have a legally protected disability under the Americas with Disabilities Act (ADA) or California discrimination law, and you believe you need reasonable accommodation to participate fully in this class, please make an appointment to see me during my private office hours to discuss your need.

ACADEMIC VIOLATIONS: (a) Violation of the Academic Honesty Policy: Dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism – from the Latin word for “kidnap” – involves using another’s work without giving proper credit, whether done accidentally or on purpose. This includes not only words and ideas but also graphs, artwork, music, maps, statistics, diagrams, scientific data, software, films, videos and the like. Plagiarism is plagiarism whether the material is from published or unpublished sources. It does not matter whether ideas are stolen, bought, downloaded from the Internet or written for the student by someone else – it is still plagiarism. Even if only bits and pieces of other sources are used, or outside sources reworded, they must still be cited. To avoid problems, students should cite any source(s) and check with the instructor before submitting an assignment or project. Students are always responsible for any plagiarism in their work.

(b) An instructor who determines that a student has cheated or plagiarized has the right to give an “F” grade for the assignment or examination.

SLOs SLO stands for Student Learning Outcomes. SLOs are broad, measurable goals of student learning that are overarching outcomes for a course or program. SLOs will be used by faculty and college staff to analyze student learning needs, to enhance student services, to evaluate course and program effectiveness, and to influence decisions regarding college planning and operations. The SLOs for Math 070 can be viewed at:

http://www.avc.edu/administration/organizations/slo/msslos.html#mathematics