

Math 012 501: Pre-Algebra
Fall 2015

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ALEKS Course Code: 9Q6KY – DY9HQ
ALEKS Financial Aid Code: 14B30-AFF72-F010F-B39E2
Class Time: 10:30am – 12:10pm
Class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays in room C 108

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This TWO CREDIT course includes the second half of a pre-algebra course and covers measurement and geometry, real numbers, introduction to algebra and basic equation solving, and applications. Prerequisite: Math 011

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Compute perimeter, area, and volume of geometric figures
2. Convert basic units of measure
3. Find the absolute value of a number
4. Take the square root of a perfect square number
5. Correctly use positive and negative numbers
6. Correctly use the order of operations with integers
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of a variable
8. Simplify simple algebraic expressions
9. Solve basic linear equations
10. Use the above skills to solve simple applications problems.

COURSE MATERIALS:

- **ALEKS Student Access Code:** This code is available for purchase in the bookstore or online at <http://www.aleks.com/>. Purchase a minimum of 18 weeks (ALEKS 360 includes an electronic book and ALEKS does not). This code will provide you access to all of the online materials for the course that will be required for the course. **You must register for ALEKS by the end of the 1st week of classes or you will be dropped from the course.**
- **3-Ring binder (1 inch), 5 divider tabs, spiral, notebook paper, pencil, eraser, dry erase marker, 3X5 note cards**
Tab Headings: Syllabus/Reference, POD/Notes, ALEKS Work, Weekly Reports, Assessments

IMPORTANT DATES:

Labor Day Holiday (No Classes): Monday, September 7, 2015
Last date to drop without a grade: Friday, September 4, 2015
Last date to drop without approval of Director of Student Affairs: Friday, November 6, 2015
Final Exam: Monday, December 7, 10:30-12:30 pm. Location: C108

GRADING SCALE: While you will receive credit toward establishing a full-time load for financial aid purposes for Math012, this course is NOT accepted to satisfy UNM core degree requirements. Students in this course will receive the following grades:

RA+	98% and above	RC+	78 – 79%
RA	93 – 97%	RC	73 – 77%
RA-	90 – 92%	RC-	70 – 72%
RB+	88 – 89%	RCR	70 – 100%
RB	83 – 87%	RNC	< 70%
RB-	80 – 82%		

***Students must receive a minimum of 70% on the final exam to pass the course.**

GRADE WEIGHTINGS:

Attendance, Participation, ALEKS +Tutoring Time (10 hrs/wk)	30%
Topic Mastery	30%
Quizzes	10%
Cumulative Final Exam*	30%

THE COURSE: This course is computer-based, however students will be required to make sufficient progress each week or risk being dropped from the course. Your grade includes a minimum of 10 hours spent in the ALEKS program and/or working with a tutor on a WEEKLY basis, so you will need to spend time on your math outside of class. Please seek help from tutors and instructors as needed.

- Procedure for Documenting ALEKS Work:
 1. Students will take notes while working in ALEKS. Each separate day of notes needs to be labeled with the date and the pie piece/topic being covered.
 2. Practice problems need to be worked in an orderly manner. Students need to copy the question on which they are working, and show ALL work. Student then records answer in the computer.
 3. ALEKS Notes and Practice Work can either be done on loose leaf paper and kept behind Tab 3 of Binder, OR be done in a separate notebook (spiral or pad) and filed behind Tab 3 in Binder.
 4. Same procedure is followed for any ALEKS assessments. (Date the assessment, number each question, copy and solve the question, then enter answer into the computer.)
 5. ALEKS Assessments (Initial and others) need to be filed behind Tab 5 of notebook.
- Written quizzes will be given throughout the term. You are allowed to make corrections to quizzes to improve the grade. In order to earn back up to half the points missed, corrections need to be made on a separate sheet of paper. The correction paper is vertically divided in half: The problem must be reworked on the LEFT side of the paper, and the RIGHT side must contain your verbal explanation of what was done incorrectly on the quiz for that particular problem.
- A 12 X 12 multiplication chart and a 3"x 5" note card will be allowed for the assessments. A scientific calculator will be allowed for only a portion of these assessments. The note card for the final exam can only contain formulas.
- You will be recording the time and topics covered in ALEKS each week and tracking your progress in the course on a calendar sheet in your three ring binder.
- Work with a tutor will need to be documented in your three ring binder.
- Students are expected to complete 100% of the ALEKS pie prior to taking the final exam.
- Students must successfully pass two mock finals with 80% or higher prior to taking the final exam.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- You are expected to be on time to each class and stay the entire class. If you have 4 unexcused absences you WILL be dropped from the class. You are required to attend class twice a week (Mondays and Wednesdays).
- The attendance sheet will only be available at the beginning of the class. You will be marked absent if:
 - (1) you are absent, (2) you are tardy and/or leave early twice, or (3) you are disruptive to the learning environment.
- If absent or tardy, the student must email the instructor within 24 hours to be excused. The student bears full responsibility for the material and procedural information covered in class.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Highway to Success tutors are available Monday through Friday call for an appointment at 925-8907.

There are also open computer labs on campus for students' use. The Valencia Campus Library provides a quiet atmosphere for study and is an excellent resource for supplementary materials.

EXPECTATIONS: Students are expected to conduct themselves in a polite, courteous, professional and collegial manner. Cell phones must be set on silent. Please step into the hall if you need to take a call during class. Cell phones must be turned off and be out of sight during exams. ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK is allowed in the computer labs.

DISABILITY STATEMENT: If you have a documented disability, please provide me with a copy of your letter from Equal Access Services as soon as possible to ensure that accommodations are provided in a timely manner. The Equal Access Office can be reached at 925-8510.

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