

MAT 050 ☆ Algebraic Literacy
9:00 - 12:35pm; MW ☆ Room 2307 ☆ Fall 2017

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Text: *Developmental Mathematics: Volume I*, Rockswold and Kreiger. You will also need an access code to MyMathlab. If you purchased your book through the bookstore, the code may be packaged with the textbook.

Content: Develops number sense and critical thinking strategies, introduce algebraic thinking, and connect mathematics to real world applications. Topics in the course include ratios, proportions, percents, measurement, linear relationships, properties of exponents, polynomials, factoring, and math learning strategies. This course prepares students for Math for Liberal Arts, Statistics, Integrated Math, and college level career math courses.

Homework: Homework will be completed online through MyMathlab. See handout for log-in instructions. Homework is typically due the day of the test at midnight (it is up to you to be responsible enough to do your homework before the test). Late homework will not be accepted, but your lowest homework score will be dropped at the end of the semester. MyMathlab can be used on any computer with internet access. There are computers on campus that you can use in the Learning Commons.

Quizzes: We will have quizzes frequently (*see the schedule for quiz dates*). Absolutely no make-ups or late submissions will be allowed.

Tests/Final Exam: There will be 8 exams and a comprehensive final exam. **Make-ups must be arranged with me prior to test day.** No make-ups will be given after the exam has been handed back.

**If class is cancelled on the day of an exam, the exam will be given the following class.*

**Cell phones must be turned off during class.*

Grading: A: 90-100% B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: 0-59%

I will regularly update D2L with the scores you have received on assignments throughout the semester.

No extra credit will be offered. The following weighted scale will be used to determine your semester grade:

Homework: 10%

Quizzes: 10%

Exams: 60%

Final exam: 20%

Tutoring: Free drop-in tutoring is available in the College Prep Zone (located in the Learning Commons).

Monday – Thursday: 9am – 6pm

(The Math Lab also has tutoring on Fridays and Saturdays.)

Attendance: Regular attendance is expected. It is up to you to obtain notes from another student when you miss class.

Academic Dishonesty: There will be zero tolerance for cheating and plagiarism. Consequences range from failure of the assignment to expulsion from the school.

Classroom Etiquette: Habitual tardiness and early exits are not acceptable--please let me know beforehand if you have a special circumstance that requires you to miss part of a class period. Cell phones should be away during class. If classroom behavior is a problem you may be asked change your seat or the leave the classroom.

Tuition Refund/Incomplete/W Grade: The last day to drop the class and receive a tuition refund is **September 6th**. Incompletes are not given unless there are extenuating circumstances. The deadline to drop the class with a “W” is **November 14th**.

Student Email: All out-of-class announcements will be sent to your RRCC student-assigned email account (this address ends in “@student.cccs.edu”) or posted on D2L.

Accessibility Services: ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: Red Rocks Community College is committed to access for students with disabilities. If you are a student with a disability and need assistance or are interested in requesting accommodations, please contact Accessibility Services. Faculty are not obligated to provide accommodations without proper notification by Accessibility Services and accommodations are not retroactive. Students may contact the Access staff by telephone or email to make an intake appointment at 303-914-6733 or access@rrcc.edu. Accessibility Services is located in Suite 1182 at the Lakewood campus. More information is available at www.rrcc.edu/accessibility-services.

Student Handbook: The [RRCC Student Handbook](http://www.rrcc.edu/student-life/handbook) is your most current source of dates, resources, contacts, and policies: <http://www.rrcc.edu/student-life/handbook>.

Mandatory Reporting: Our College is committed to preserving a safe and welcoming educational environment for all students. As part of this effort, I have an obligation to report certain issues relating to the health and safety of campus community members. I must report to the appropriate College officials any allegation of discrimination or harassment. Sexual misconduct, which includes sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse, and sexual exploitation, is considered a form of discrimination.

In addition to reporting all discrimination and harassment claims, I must report all allegations of dating violence or domestic violence, child abuse or neglect, and/or credible threats of harm to yourself or others. Such reports may trigger contact from a College official who will want to talk with you about the incident that you have shared. In almost all cases, it will be your decision whether you wish to speak with that individual. If you would like more information, you may reach the Title IX/EO Coordinator: D. **Arnie Oudenhoven, Executive Director of Human Resources/Title IX Administrator, 303-914-6298** or [Arnie Oudenhoven](mailto:arnie.oudenhoven@rrcc.edu) (arnie.oudenhoven@rrcc.edu)

Reports to law enforcement can be made at the Red Rocks Campus Police Department behind the Welcome Desk at the Main Entrance or [RRCC Dispatch](mailto:rrpd.dispatch@rrcc.edu) (rrpd.dispatch@rrcc.edu) at 303-914-6394.

If you would like a confidential resource, please contact **Deborah Houser, Assistant Director of Human Resources/Deputy Title IX Administrator, 303-914-6224** or [Deborah Houser](mailto:deborah.houser@rrcc.edu) (deborah.houser@rrcc.edu)

Further information may be found on the college [Human Resources website](http://www.rrcc.edu/human-resources/sexual-misconduct): <http://www.rrcc.edu/human-resources/sexual-misconduct>.

How to access D2L: There are several ways in which you can access D2L. I will list 1 here:

- Go to www.rrcc.edu
- Click on The Rock/fox (about the center of the red bar across the top)
- Sign in using your S# and password
- Click on My Schedule
- Click on the class that you want to access
- This will open a new window (you are now in D2L)
- You will need to click on the class you want again