Class meets in room G7;   Tuesday, Thursday,   4:00 PM - 06:15 PM
Instructor: Curtis Kifer
Email: kifercurtis@fhda.edu
Office Hour: Tuesday and Thursday 6:20 to 7:10 p.m. in room E37
Textbook: **The textbook is required**: *Intermediate Algebra for College Students, 7th edition* by Robert Blitzer
Calculator: A scientific calculator -- **only the TI30XA** -- will be required for some of the course material.
Course structure:
- This is a course in beginning algebra. We'll cover most of chapters 1-5 and some of chapters 7 and 8 of the textbook.
- There will be homework due every week. We will have a quiz every week. Also, there will be three midterm exams and a final exam.
- Each homework assignment is due on MyMathLab on or before the due date (which will be posted on the MyMathLab site). **Homework not submitted by the due date and time is late and receives no credit.**
Attendance Policy: If you are not present in class then you cannot participate in the class discussion -- if this happens three times, then you may be dropped from the class at the instructor's discretion.

Scoring will be as follows:
- Homework: 30% (due on MyMathLab only)
- Quizzes: 20%
- Midterm Exams : 30% (3 midterm exams)
- Final Exam: 20% (Participation in the final exam is required -- so don't get a ticket out of town before the final exam date and then request to take the final exam early because it's not going to happen.)
- Participation: **Each class session in which you are not present in class to participate in the class discussion is 2 points off your final grade; each tardy entrance into a class discussion already in progress is 1 point off your final grade.**

There will be **no make-up exams**, but the **no mid term exam score will be dropped**.
There will be **no make-up quizzes**, and **no quiz scores will be dropped**.
There will be **no make-up homework**, and **no homework scores will be dropped**.
There will be **no extra credit or make-up work offered**.

Your formal grade will be computed by the following scale:
A+ = 97-100% ;   A = 93-96% ; A- = 90-92% ; B+ = 87-89% ; B = 83-86% ; B- = 80-82% ; C+ = 77-79% ; C = 73-76%
D+ = 67-72% ; D = 63-66 ; D- = 60-62 ;   F = 0-59%   **Note: any grade below 73% is a "D" or an "F" grade**

The final exam will be held Thursday December 14 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in class.
(You MUST attend the final exam; I will not be allowing ANYONE to take the final exam early or late.)

Drop; Withdrawal; Incomplete grade: It is the student's responsibility to be registered in the class before the deadline for adding classes. As well, **should the student need to drop or withdraw from the class, it is the student's responsibility to do so before the final date for withdrawing. In general, there is never an incomplete grade assigned.**

- Saturday, October 7 is the LAST DAY TO ADD using an add code -- which you must get from the instructor. (So don't wait until Saturday October 7 to realize you need to get an add code from me since I often do not check my email on weekends.)
- Sunday, October 8 is the last LAST DAY TO DROP without a 'W' grade.
- Friday November 17 is the LAST DAY TO DROP with a 'W' grade.

Course Rules:

- **Smart Phone Policy:** If you have a cell phone, be sure to turn off your **Cell phone ringer.**
- **If I see you with a smart phone during an exam or quiz, it is considered cheating, and I will give you a zero for that exam as well as report you to the Dean.**
- Let me know ahead of time if you have reason to expect an emergency call.
- **Make-up Exams: No make-up exams are allowed.**
- You can work together on the homework sets, however I have found that the successful students are the ones who struggle with each problem on his or her own. Remember, the homework assignments are intended as practice! If you are having difficulty on an assignment, try to get help from me or from a classmate, or in the tutoring center as quickly as possible; don't just leave it for the next class.

Academic Honesty:

Students learn and abide by the standards of honesty expected in an academic community. In general, academic honesty requires that students: (1) submit work that is clearly and unmistakably their own; (2) properly represent information and give adequate acknowledgment to all sources that were used in the preparation of an assignment; (3) neither seek, accept, nor provide any assistance on tests, quizzes, and/or assignments unless explicitly permitted to do so by the instructor.

Learning Objectives:

After completing the course, the student will be able to:

(1) Evaluate real-world situations and distinguish between and apply linear and quadratic function models appropriately.
(2) Analyze, interpret, and communicate results of linear and quadratic models in a logical manner from four points of view - visual, formula, numerical, and written.
(3) Demonstrate an appreciation and awareness of applications in their daily lives.

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities.
- De Anza College is committed to providing a safe positive learning environment where students can pursue their educational goals.
- De Anza College is committed to maintaining an environment free of sexual harassment or discrimination based on race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, political beliefs, organizational affiliation, sexual orientation, gender or age.