

MATH 0940-01 Intermediate Algebra MWF 8-9:25 am LA 132 Fall 2014
MATH 0940-05 Intermediate Algebra MWF 12-1:25 pm LA 132 Fall 2014
Pearson MyMathLab Course ID: gallant91936

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Office Hours in Liberal Arts Room 121: MWF 9:30 -10:00 am, 11:30 am – 12:00 pm, T 9:00 – 11:00 am

Text & Software: You **MUST** have a MyMathLab (MML) access code! This can be purchased online at mymathlab.com OR at the bookstore either by itself or shrink-wrapped with the textbook *Beginning & Intermediate Algebra* 5th Edition by Elayne Martin-Gay. MML software contains video lectures, homework problems, examples, instructions, quizzes and an e-version of the text, therefore you do NOT need to buy a hard copy of the text. If you have an access code for M0840, M0880 or M0940 from last semester, then you do NOT need to purchase a new one; simply log into MML and click on 'continue a course'. The MML course ID for this course is **gallant91936**. We will cover Chapters 3.6, 7-13.1 with a quick review of Chapter 6.

Prerequisite: A recommendation based on the IHCC mathematics assessment test or a grade of C or better in Introductory Algebra (M0840). This course is for students preparing for M1118 (College Algebra), M1127 (Pre-Calculus). You must earn an A or B in this course in order to take M1127. If you earn a C and you need M1133 then you must sequentially take M1118 & M1119 (which are equivalent to M1127). After successfully completing M0940, you will also be prepared for M1101 (Math for Liberal Arts) or M1103 (Introductory Statistics), though you could take M0820 right now and go directly into 1101, 1103 or 1107..

M0940 Course Outcomes – Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- 1) Solve certain types of linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, & logarithmic equations and inequalities.
- 2) Model applications based on the types of equations and inequalities listed in # 1.
- 3) Demonstrate appropriate manipulation of rational expressions, expressions with rational exponents and radicals, and exponential and logarithmic expressions.
- 4) Graph linear, quadratic, exponential and logarithmic functions and model applications based on these functions.
- 5) Demonstrate appropriate manipulation of function notation and be able to find the domain, range, inverse and transformations of a function.

Classroom Procedures: Classes will be primarily lectures, with a “summary problem” worked in groups at the end of each class period. Daily attendance is required in order to earn points for the summary problem.

Homework problems should be completed every day. You can do the homework using the text or using MML – you should do your homework neatly in a notebook so that you can study from it! In order to be successful in any math course it is essential that you complete all homework problems. Homework does not count towards your grade, but it helps to prepare you for exams.

In-class Summary Problems: At the end of each class period (except for review and exam days and the first day of class) students will work to complete one or two problems related to the topics from the given day. Students will be allowed to work in pairs if they choose to do so, but each student must submit his or her own solution. One point will be awarded for simply attempting the problem. Three points will be awarded for a perfect solution to the problem with correct work shown. Two points will be awarded if correct steps were taken, but the wrong solution was reached. The lowest three summary problem scores will be dropped. No make-up problems are allowed. Anyone who is more than ten minutes late to the start of class will be allowed a maximum score of one point on the summary problem for that day.

Grading: A: 90% - 100%; B: 80% - 89%; C: 70% - 79%; D: 60% - 69%; NC Below 60%.

Grading Criteria:

Online MML Quizzes:

10 quizzes worth 10 points each (lowest score dropped)

In-Class Exams:

3 Exams worth 100 points each

Cumulative Final Exam:

1 Exam worth 150 points

Summary Problems:

33 problems worth 3 points each (lowest 3 scores dropped)

Total Points Possible: The table below shows the total number of points possible in this course.

Grading Criteria	Total Points Possible
Summary Problems	90 points
MyMathLab Quizzes	90 points
In-Class Exams	300 points
Cumulative Final Exam	150 points
TOTAL	630 points

Grade Scale:

The table below shows how your final grade will be computed. You will see the relationship between each letter grade, its percentage and the corresponding range of points that will achieve that grade. **Please note that you must earn a minimum grade of “C” (70%) in order to qualify for the next math course.** If you would like the Pass/Fail option instead of a letter grade, you must contact me within the first week of the semester so that the appropriate forms can be filled out. You may not choose a Pass/Fail option after the first week.

Letter Grade	Percentage	Range of Points
A	90-100%	567 – 630 points
B	80-89%	504 – 566 points
C	70-79%	441 – 503 points
NC	Below 70%	< 440 points
P (Pass)	Minimum of 70%	> 441 points

Important Dates: Refer to the schedule for exam dates and quiz deadlines - mark these dates on your calendar! All quizzes must be completed by 11:00 pm on the due date. You will be allowed to take each quiz up to 4 times, but you must complete all attempts prior to the deadline. You should take your first attempt a few days prior to the deadline, then review it (click on “review” before exiting the quiz), study more, do more problems, etc. and then take the quiz again. (Repeat again if necessary.) ** To review your quizzes after you have submitted them, click on All Assignments then Quizzes then the quiz. ** It would be prudent to do homework problems using MML to get practice on typing in your answers correctly. Pay careful attention to the instructions for entering answers. Do your quiz problems in a notebook so that you can review them easily. Help buttons are available in MML when doing homework, but not when taking quizzes. There are also help buttons available when reviewing quizzes. If you miss a quiz deadline or you get a low score, or you want more practice, you can take a Late Quiz on MML: you will have until 11 pm two days after the original due date; with only 2 attempts allowed. This late quiz will only be worth 80% of the grade you receive – plan accordingly and don’t wait until the last minute!! Your highest grade of ALL attempts will be recorded in D2L. **There is no time limit on quizzes.**

MAKE-UP POLICY: Exams can be made up **only if** I am notified in advance **and if** you have a legitimate reason (instructor's discretion). The best way to notify me is by sending me an email. Be sure to check your email for my reply. If you can't email, you may leave a message on my voice mail. Make-up exams must be taken on the next school day except in extreme situations. Any exams that are not made up will receive a grade of 0. There is no retaking of exams due to bad grades. There will be no extra credit work! In-class group work can not be made up.

Getting Help: You can see me during my **office hours** for help. The **Math Center** is a drop-in tutoring center located on the second floor of the Library. It is staffed with math instructors and tutors who can help you. This is also a great place to work on homework with other students! The hours are M-Th 9am – 6pm & F 9am – 1pm. **Free one-on-one tutoring** is also available – talk to Lou Ann Oppitz at peer tutoring in the Learning Center. You can also use the many help resources available on MyMathLab.

Other Information:

- A scientific calculator is required for this course. You should bring it to every class. You may use it on all tests and quizzes. If you own a graphing calculator, you may use it on everything except the graphing portion of the exams. You may NOT use a calculator on your cell phone, i-phone, laptop, etc. All cell phones, laptops, i-phones, etc. should be put away during class – NO TEXTING; NO TALKING!
- If you are waiting for financial aid and can't purchase MML yet, you can get 14 days free.
- Any form of cheating will result in a grade of zero for that exam or quiz on the first violation. Subsequent violations would result in a failing grade for the course.
- If you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what material was covered and what assignments and announcements were made. Exchange phone numbers with others in the class, so that you can keep current if you do miss a class. **Also refer to your schedule and D2L announcements often.**
- I would like to make sure that all the materials, discussions and activities that are part of the course are accessible to you. If there are any other requests that you would like to make in order to ensure your accessibility to any part of this course please contact the Disability Services Coordinator or a Counselor at 651-450-3626. TTY: 651-450-3369.
- If you are a service member or veteran, please contact the Veterans Services Office at 651-450-3862 or sflanni@inverhills.mnscu.edu for information regarding educational benefits and opportunities.
- A solutions manual is available for you to use in the Math Center and in MML.
- Students who wish to “drop” a class must initiate requests for withdrawal by filling out the appropriate form. If you stop attending class, but do not officially withdraw before the deadline you will receive a failing grade. **MnSCU policy:** Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.0 and complete at least 67% of all attempted credits for each term of attendance. (NOTE: Grades of D, NC, F, I, & W are considered not completing.)
- Please refer to the college website for details on all policies.
- In the event of inclement weather, if the college is open then we are having class. You should, of course, exercise your own judgment on travel during extremely inclement weather. **DO NOT CALL ME TO ASK IF WE ARE HAVING CLASS.** You may access www.inverhills.edu and click on Class Cancellations if you think there is any reason the class may be cancelled. I will try to email everyone in the rare event that class should be cancelled.
- Generally, college courses are more challenging than high school courses. The responsibility of learning is primarily on the student. **Relax and BREATHE:**
 - **B**e on time and be respectful.
 - **R**emember deadlines!
 - **E**xpect the unexpected.
 - **A**sk questions.
 - **T**urn off all pagers and cell phones, unless you are an emergency worker.
 - **H**elp yourself to assistance: office hours, math center, peer tutoring, online help (MML).
 - **E**ngage in discussions and study groups.

At IHCC, StarID is used to log into D2L, eServices, computers, and wireless network. If you don't have a StarID yet, you can log onto any computer that has Internet access and go to starid.mnscu.edu (note there is not WWW at the beginning of the address). Click StarID Self Service to Activate StarID or change your password. If you need help please ask at Open Computer Lab or the Soft Lounge located on the 2nd floor of the College Center.

You should check your e-mail and D2L accounts often. I will send you e-mails occasionally. I will post class announcements on the course home page of D2L. I will post **CLASS NOTES** (these should be printed and brought to class – also available for purchase at the bookstore), extra problem sets, review sheets, etc. under Content in D2L. You will use D2L to check your grades. You should post questions about the course or content to the D2L Discussion Board, so that other students may respond. There is a good chance that others have the same question, so you can learn from each other. Please be polite and respectful with your posts.

To Register for MyMathLab (MML): If using a MAC, use Firefox not Safari.

Before You Begin, you will need:

- A MyMathLab student access code (packaged with your new text or at bookstore) or major credit card.
- Your Course ID: **gallant91936**
- A valid email address: use the same one that you use for all IHCC correspondences.

To Register:

- Enter mymathlab.com in your web browser.
- Under Register, click **Student**.
- Enter your **Course ID (gallant91936)** and click **Continue**. *Your course information will appear on the right side of the next page. If it does not look correct, verify the Course ID.*
- If you have used MML (or another Pearson website) before, enter your Pearson username and password and click **Sign in** and follow the instructions. If you are retaking this course or enrolling in another course with the same book, use your existing Pearson username and password. **You will not need to pay again.**
- If you have never used MML, then you must create an account. Click **Create**. Use a Username and Password that you will remember (**write them down!**). Read and accept the License Agreement and Privacy Policy.
- At this point you will be asked to Select an Option:
 - Choose '**Access Code**' if you have purchased this at the bookstore and enter your **Access Code carefully** and click **Finish**.
 - Choose '**Use a Credit Card or PayPal**' and follow the instructions. (The cost is about \$90.)
 - You can also get temporary access without payment for 14 days by following the directions provided (use the link at the bottom of the page).
- Once your registration is complete, a **Confirmation** page appears. You will also receive this by email.
- Click **Go To Your Course** on the Confirmation page. Under MyLab & Mastering New Design on the left, click **MATH 0940 Intermediate Algebra GALLANT Fall 2014** and start doing homework.

Signing in after you are registered:

- Go to mymathlab.com and click **Sign in**.
- Enter your **username** and **password** and click **Sign In**.
- On the left, click **MATH 0940 Intermediate Algebra GALLANT Fall 2014**.

** The first time you use MML from your own computer and anytime you use a new computer, you will have to install plug-ins. Click the **Browser Check** which is on the middle of the page under Announcements. After completing the installation process and closing the wizard, you will be on your course home page and ready to explore your MyMathLab resources! You should view the **How to Enter Answers** tutorial before doing homework or quizzes. If you have a MAC it is best to use Firefox NOT Safari. **

Using MyMathLab

When you log into MML and click on this course, the following menu will be on the left side of your screen:

- Homework:** Allows you to do online homework. There is a list of homework problems for each chapter. Scroll down to see a list of homework broken down by section. When you do homework you will notice help buttons, such as “Ask my instructor”, “Show me an example”, “Help me solve this”, “Video”, “Textbook” on the right side of the screen.
- Quizzes & Tests:** This is where you will take your quizzes. All online quizzes and due dates are listed here and on your schedule. Quizzes cannot be accessed after the due date. Click on a quiz when you are ready to begin. Help buttons are not available when taking quizzes. There are also sample practice tests here, which are not counted in your grade, but are beneficial. Late quizzes will NOT be activated until after the original deadline.*
- Study Plan:** Allows you to create an individual study plan.
- Gradebook:** Shows scores you earned on quizzes and homework. ** If you click on All Assignments then Quizzes you can review your quizzes after you have submitted them. Reviewing these will help you to prepare for Exams. Help buttons are available when reviewing. **
- Chapter Contents:** Allows you to choose a specific chapter and section and then choose video presentations, e-text, or study plan. You will also find a solution manual here.
- Student Organizer:** Valuable information for getting organized.
- Video Notebook:** Another way to view lectures, take notes, and watch videos.
- Students’ Solution Manual:** The entire manual is here.
- Tools for Success:** Valuable HELP resources can be found here.
- Multimedia Library:** Allows you to choose a specific chapter and section and then choose textbook, power point lectures, test prep video, animation, video lectures, etc.
- Pearson Tutor Services:** Check this out, if necessary.
- Whenever you have issues with MML you should Contact Product Support at**
<http://www.mymathlab.com/student-support> for live CHAT, email, or phone support.

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