

PRE-ALGEBRA/ALGEBRA I COURSE SYLLABUS
THE MASTER'S ACADEMY SUMMER SCHOOL 2008
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WEB PAGE: Any resources that are needed will be in the Training Series section of my webpage (<http://www.ProfWest.com>).

CLASS HOURS: 8:00-12:00 MON - FRI

A. DESCRIPTION

This course is a primer on Algebra. WE WILL NOT COVER THE ENTIRE BOOK. The teachers of the class during the year have given subjects that they would like us to cover, and those are the topics we will cover. If there is an area that you feel we need to cover, please see me the first week and I will try to make sure it is included.

B. ORGANIZATION

If you are taking this course for credit, you cannot miss more than two days. If you are not taking this course for credit, but rather just want to learn, you may miss as often as you feel it necessary.

C. GRADING PLAN

1. Homework	20%
2. Quizzes	30%
3. Tests	50%

HOMEWORK:

Homework will be given each of the 14 nights. I generally give homework where the answers are in the back of the book. You will be graded each day on completion. Correctness is not necessary, but if I suspect that you are not trying, I reserve the right to grade the homework for its correctness. Your top 10 homework grades only will count. Effectively if you do your homework 10 of the 14 nights, you will get all the points for this section.

QUIZZES:

There will be a quiz every morning from Monday-Thursday, except today. That totals 11 quizzes. Each quiz will be problems just like the homework. If you understand the homework, you will do well on the quiz. The top 10 quiz scores will count.

TESTS:

There will be an exam each Friday. You will have material sent home each Thursday that will detail the material that will be on the exam. Your lowest exam score will only be weighted half as much as the other two.

D. YOUR IDEAS, EVALUATIONS, ETC.

In general, your ideas, comments, suggestions, questions, grade challenges, etc. are welcome. Your discretion in these matters is expected, however. No part of your grade will be based on anything other than your coursework. I will attempt to teach the material and be very clear about what is on each test or quiz. If there is anything you do not understand or do not feel was made clear, I would love to work with you.

E. SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESS

For most students this will not be a "difficult" course. If you do the work assigned each night and understand it, this course will be a very easy one. If you decide to not do your work or merely go through the motions and do not understand it, you could find yourself with a very difficult class. If you do not understand the homework one evening, call or email me, so I can help you with it.