

Important Course Information
Math 1275CO/OL27 - College Algebra and Trigonometry
Fall 2021, Tues/Thurs/Fri 10a-11:40a (on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra)

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Office Hours: TBA (will also be on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra)

We will be using various online platforms this semester:

- (1) **Blackboard:** We will be using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra for our online class sessions:

https://bbhosted.cuny.edu/webapps/collab-ultra/tool/collabultra?course_id=_2059321_1

I will also use Blackboard for posting announcements (which you will also receive via email) and for collecting written assignments (such as quizzes and exams).

- (2) **OpenLab:** We will use CityTech's OpenLab for sharing course-related content (files, daily class agendas, etc) and for online participation assignments (e.g., do the "Introduce Yourself" assignment already posted on the course site):

- course profile: <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/groups/mat1275co-ganguli-fa2021/>
- course site: <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/mat1275co-ganguli-fa2021/>

*Please **set up an OpenLab account and "join" our course profile** to get email notifications about posts and uploads to the OpenLab site:*

- *For instructions on setting up an OpenLab account, see <http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/blog/help/openlab-help/>*
- *You can still access all the OpenLab material without setting up an account (by design, the OpenLab is "open"!)*

- (3) **WebWork (online homework):**

<http://mathww.citytech.cuny.edu/webwork2/MAT1275CO-F21-Ganguli-OL27>

Most homework assignments will be via WebWork! To login, your username is your "first initial+last name" and your password is your CityTech ID#. Try to log in right now!

- (4) **Textbooks:** We will primarily be using the following free online textbooks, which are hosted on the online textbook platform OpenStax:

- *Intermediate Algebra 2e* by Lynn Marecek & Andrea Mathis, et al:
<https://openstax.org/details/books/intermediate-algebra-2e>
- *Algebra and Trigonometry* by Jay Abramson, et al:
<https://openstax.org/details/books/algebra-and-trigonometry>

Grading:

A = 93.0 - 100.0

C+ = 77.0 - 79.9

W = withdrawal before **Dec 13**

A- = 90.0 - 92.9

C = 70.0 - 76.9

WF = withdrawal after Dec 13

B+ = 87.0 - 89.9

D = 60.0 - 69.9

B = 83.0 - 86.9

F = 0 - 59.9

B- = 80.0 - 82.9

Midterm exams (15%*2 = 30%): There will be **3 midterm exams** during the semester. The lowest of your 3 scores will be dropped (so your 2 highest midterm scores will each count as 15% of your final grade). There will be **no makeup exams**. A missed exam will count as a 0 and will be the dropped exam score. Exam dates will be announced in class & on OpenLab.

Final Exam (25%): The final exam will be on the last meeting of the semester (**date TBA**). The final will cover all the topics studied, and will be very similar in format to the midterm exams. The final exam must be taken to pass the course.

Homework (20%): Homework assignments and due dates will be announced in class & on OpenLab. Most of the homework assignments will be online via WebWork; there may also be some written homework assignments that will be submitted via Blackboard.

- The best preparation for the exams is to **do all the homework**, and to **ask for help** with any exercises that you have questions about.

Quizzes (15%): There will be a handful of written quizzes over the course of the semester. Each quiz will consist of one or two exercises, which will be **very similar to the homework**. Quiz dates will be announced in class & on OpenLab.

Participation (10%): You are expected to attend and participate in our class sessions, and in online activities on OpenLab. Details for earning your participation grade will be discussed in class and posted on OpenLab.

Tips for Success: If you want to do well in the course and learn the material:

- **Log on for the online class sessions**--take notes and ask questions. (The college requires that attendance be recorded at each class session.)
- **Read the textbook(s)**--especially the examples.
- **Do the homework**--ask about any exercises that you don't understand completely.
- **Take advantage of additional resources**--log on for office hours, use the free CityTech tutoring (TBA), take advantage of online materials (e.g., videos).