

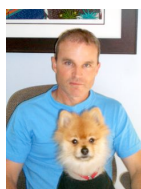
# College Algebra / Math 110 Syllabus

## Palomar College – Spring 2010

A syllabus is an important and legally binding document. It is the student's responsibility to thoroughly understand its contents.

Class Website: <http://faculty.palomar.edu/mmumford/index.htm>

Homework Website: <https://www.webassign.net/login.html>



### Instructor Information

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### You Need Internet Access and an Email Account



You will need Internet access to complete the daily homework assignments, check on class updates and to print out the note-guides, practice exams, exam keys and other course materials. Please check the website regularly. I will often notify you of class changes by email. Please make sure the email address Student eServices has for you is correct. If you did not receive an email from me before the semester began, then the email address Palomar has for you needs to be updated. See me, any of the computer lab assistants, or ask at the administration desk if you need help updating your email information.

### Textbook, Graphing Calculator and Other Supplies



The required textbook for this class is *COLLEGE ALGEBRA: A Graphing Approach, 5th Edition by Larson et al* (ISBN: 978-0-618-85188-1). The student solutions manual (ISBN: 9780618851911) is highly recommended; it shows detailed solutions to all odd numbered problems. All homework is submitted online through [webassign.net](http://webassign.net). [Webassign.net](http://webassign.net) sells the homework program by itself for \$35, or \$60 when bundled with the web version of the textbook. You will need a graphing calculator. The note-guides and all lectures are tailored to Texas Instrument's TI-83/TI-84 calculators (\$90-\$130 new). You will also need a ruler, protractor, three-ring binder, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencil and a stapler. Please bring your, note-guides and calculator everyday.

### Pace and Realistic Academic Expectations and Realistic Academic Expectations



This course moves quickly, as we cover almost the entire textbook (730 pages). Learning mathematics requires considerably more time, patience and discipline than almost all other subjects. Statewide about 50% of students pass this course with a "C" or better, plan on spending at least 12 hours per week of independent study time outside of class. I admit there is nothing "fair" about how much time a math class takes out of your life relative to other subjects. It is your challenge and responsibility to accept this reality and move forward. If you have more than one other class and either a full-time job or small children, then your academic expectations are probably not reasonable.

## Grades



The eight equally-weighted components of your course grade are six regular exams (100 points each), a *comprehensive* final exam (100 points), and the homework-attendance-participation grade (100 points collectively). Your grade shall be determined by the average of those eight components using the following percentage ranges: A (“Excellent Performance,” 90 - 100%), B (“Good Performance,” 80 - 89.99%), C (“Adequate Performance,” 70 - 79.99%), D (“Poor Performance,” 60 - 69.99%), and F (“Failing Performance,” below 60%).

## Final Exam

The comprehensive final exam must be taken Thursday 5/20/2010 from 7:45-9:35 am OR 11:45 am to 1:35 pm in our normal classroom.

## Homework, Attendance & Participation Grade

Homework, attendance and participation are necessary to be successful in this course. Collectively, your homework, attendance and participation grade is equivalent to one exam grade (i.e. 1/8 of your total grade). To receive full-credit on a homework assignment it must be submitted before the due date shown on webassign (i.e. before the next class). **Warning:** The homework assignments are a minimal amount of work to keep up in the course – you will have to do a lot more problems to adequately study for the exams. Attendance and Participation points are awarded daily for arriving on-time and participating for the entire 2-hour class.

## No Late Work Accepted; No Early Exams or Makeup Exams Given

I do not accept any late homework, nor do I give individual makeup exams. However, your lowest exam score is replaced by your final exam score, and the homework grades are curved at the end of the semester so that the highest homework score is 110%. This policy is designed to accommodate all life circumstances that would cause you to fall behind, such as, health problems, child-care problems, job problems, transportation problems, over-procrastination, etc. . . .

## Drop Deadlines, Drop Policy & Reinstatement Policy

Drop Deadlines	
No Grade	02/17
“W” Grade	03/13

If you wish to withdraw from the course, make sure you do it yourself by the drop deadlines shown. Board Policy BP 418.2 allows instructors to drop students through the “W” Grade deadline (shown in the table) for three reasons: (1) excessive (i.e. 2 or more) absences, (2) missing an exam, or (3) poor participation (i.e. less than 60% on the homework). Arriving late or leaving early will each count as an absence. Any student who meets any of the three conditions and appears unable to earn a “C” or better will be dropped from the course. Any student dropped from the course who wishes to remain in the course may do so by (1) bringing their grade up to a “C”, and (2) bringing the instructor a filled-out reinstatement form for his signature.



## Please Turn Off All Electronic Devices

Using a cell phone, PDA, iPod, game, etc for any reason during class is inappropriate. Please turn off all such devices before coming into class. Use of any electronic device, other than a graphing calculator, during any exam is prohibited.

## Inappropriate Behavior

Please refrain from disruptive or inappropriate behavior in class. The most common disruptive and inappropriate behaviors are (1) speaking when the instructor is speaking, (2) leaving while class is in session, (3) arriving while class is in session, and (4) using electronic devices in class. The California Education Code grants the instructor, at his sole discretion, the right to suspend a student from his class for up to 2 classes per incident.

## Academic Integrity

(Board Policy BP 300.3 and 305) You are encouraged to work together and assist each other on the homework assignments. However, be aware that all exams are an individual effort and must be taken without any assistance whatsoever. Anyone found giving assistance, receiving assistance, using any other unauthorized source of information on any exam, or cheating in any other way shall receive a zero on that exam and will not be allowed to use the final exam to replace that score.

## Free Tutoring Centers



The [Mathematics Learning Center](http://math.palomar.edu/mlc/) (MLC 744-1150 ext. 2718, <http://math.palomar.edu/mlc/>) is located in room E-2 on the main campus and is open 9 am – 8 pm Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm on Friday and 9 am to noon on Saturday. Free walk-in tutoring is available in the MLC during those hours. The [Palomar tutoring center](#) (760-744-1150 ext. 2448) offers free tutoring; is located in the library and at the Escondido Center. I am generally willing to come in early and stay late to help students and my office hours this semester are just before and after my classes. You are also encouraged to

exchange phone numbers and email addresses with other students and feel free to email me with questions.

The access instructions for [webassign.net](http://webassign.net) are on the next page



## Daily Homework through [webassign.net](http://webassign.net)

Homework is assigned each class and must be completed online through [webassign.net](http://webassign.net) before the next class. The cost for the homework program is \$35 by itself, or \$60 when bundled with the online-version of the textbook. Register and make payments directly to [webassign.net](http://webassign.net) on their website. Register by following these three steps:

**WARNING:** [webassign.net](http://webassign.net) is **not** affiliated with Palomar College and registering for [webassign.net](http://webassign.net) does **not** register you for a Palomar College course. To register for a Palomar College course you must go onto [Palomar College's website](http://www.palomar.edu).

**STEP 1** Go to <https://www.webassign.net/login.html> and click 



The screenshot shows the WebAssign Login page. At the top, it says "WebAssign Login" and "Welcome to WebAssign!". Below that is a message about a service outage on Monday, August 17th. There are three input fields: "Username", "Institution (what's this?)" with a help link, and "Password (Reset Password)" with a help link. A "LOG IN" button is present. Below the login fields is a section for "Class Key" with a key icon and a link "I have a Class Key". A red arrow points from the text "Click Here" to this link. At the bottom, there is a tip: "Tip: bookmark this page for quick access to WebAssign."

Click Here

**STEP 2** Enter the Class Key in three parts: **palomar** then **####** then **####**

Section 30283 TTh 8:15 am class:

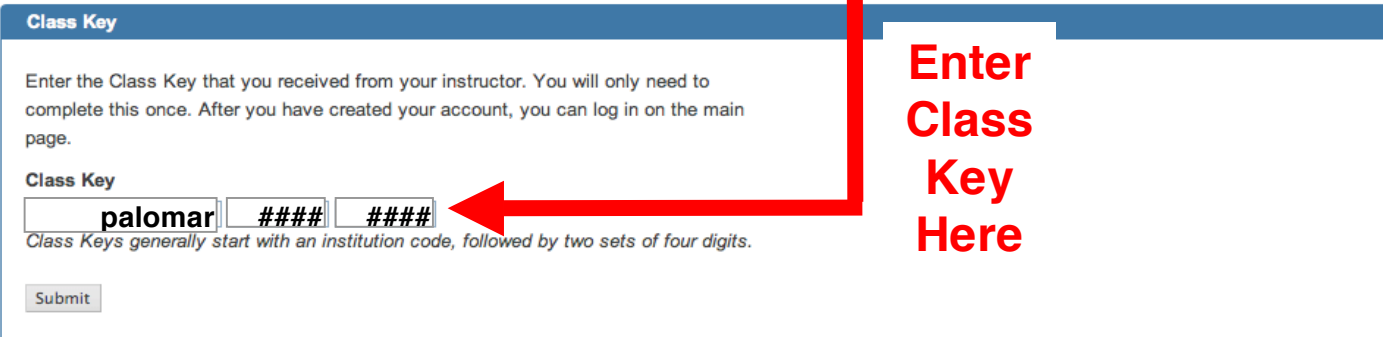
**palomar** then **8286** then **6214**

Section 31232 TTh 12:15 class:

**palomar** then **8274** then **5563**

Class Keys

Then click the  button.



The screenshot shows the "Class Key" entry form. It has a title "Class Key" and a paragraph of instructions. Below that is a "Class Key" label and three input fields. The first field contains "palomar", the second contains "####", and the third contains "####". A red arrow points from the text "Enter Class Key Here" to the second input field. Below the input fields is a "Submit" button. At the bottom, there is a note: "Class Keys generally start with an institution code, followed by two sets of four digits."

Enter Class Key Here

**STEP 3** Follow the WebAssign instructions to complete your registration. You will need your Palomar student ID number.