

## Generic Syllabus Learning Skills 7A

**Please Note:** This is a generic syllabus for LS 7A. It is meant to give students a general idea of what is required in LS 7A. Your instructor's syllabus will vary.

**Textbooks:** *PreAlgebra: A Worktext, Fourth Edition*, D. Franklin Wright, Hawkes Publishing, 2008.  
*Basic Geometry for College Students*, Tussy/Gustafson, Thomson Publishing, 2003.  
*Supplementary Activities for Prealgebra and Geometry*, Leslie McCurry, 2007.  
(The supplement may be purchased at the campus book store or printed from the Learning Skills website at [csus.edu/learningskills](http://csus.edu/learningskills))

**Calculator:** A scientific calculator (recommended: Texas Instrument TI-30Xa or TI-36X) is required after Section 5.5 in the textbook. Graphing calculators are not permitted.

**Attendance and Participation:** Regular attendance and effort in this course are the best guarantee of your success in this course. Each student is expected to be present and actively engage in the daily activities. In class activities will consist of homework review, lectures, lab assignments, quizzes and exams. Note taking during lecture is essential. You will work in groups on most lab assignments. Your instructor will discuss his or her attendance policy with you.

**Electronic Device Policy:** All electronic devices must be turned off while class is in session. This includes cell phones, laptops, i-Pods, PDAs, etc. You may use a scientific calculator only when your instructor directs you to do so.

**Disability Accommodations:** If you have a documented disability and are registered with Services to Students with Disabilities, please see your instructor regarding any required accommodations.

**Lab Assignments:** There will be daily lab assignments. You may not make up missed lab assignments. However, your two lowest lab assignments will not be used in computing your course grade.

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned daily. Homework assignments will be collected at the beginning of the following class. Late homework will be accepted for half credit. Late homework must be turned in within one week of the date it was assigned.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given frequently and cannot be made up. However, your lowest quiz score will not be used in computing your course grade.

**Exams:** There will be four 100-point exams given during the semester. Exams may not be retaken to improve your score. If you miss an exam, a make up exam will be given on the last day of instruction. Students may take no more than one make up exam.

The exams cover the following material:

Exam 1: Sections 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 2.3 – 2.7 and 3.1 – 3.3 (no calculators permitted)

Exam 2: Sections 3.4 – 3.7, Chapter 4 and Sections 5.1 – 5.3 and 5.5 (no calculators permitted)

Exam 3: Part of Exam 3 will be without a calculator and part will be with a calculator.

Without a calculator: Sections 5.8, 6.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.6, 8.1 and 9.2

With a scientific calculator: Sections 5.6, 5.7, 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5

Exam 4: Geometry Sections 1 – 7, Geometry Lab 1 and Geometry Lab 2 (scientific calculator permitted)

**Final Exam:** The 200-point final exam is comprehensive. In order to be eligible to take the final exam you must have taken all four exams. The final exam will be given at the time and date published

in the Student's Registration & Advising Handbook. You may not make up or retake the final exam. Part of the final exam will be without a calculator and part will be with a scientific calculator. The final exam review will serve as a guide as to which topics will be on the non-calculator portion and which topics will be on the calculator portion.

**Academic Dishonesty Policy:** *Although you are encouraged to share information and ideas for most of the course, you may not share information on exams or quizzes.* Cheating on exams or quizzes is a serious offense and may result in expulsion, suspension or probation from the University. Furthermore, cheating on exams or quizzes will result in a NC grade in this course.

**Course Grade:** This course is graded as credit (CR) or no credit (NC). It may also be possible to receive a report in progress (RP) grade. If you receive an RP grade, you will be required to pay for and attend a three-week post session.

Assessment will be based on the following:

Lab Assignments	7%
Homework	7%
Quizzes	6%
Exams *	80%

\* This includes four exams worth 100 points each and a comprehensive final exam worth 200 points.

**To earn a CR grade, students must complete the course with at least a 70% average AND pass the final exam with a score of at least 70%.**

**Retaking the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Test:** If you retake and pass the ELM test during the semester you are enrolled in LS 7A and wish to receive a CR grade in LS 7A, you may complete the course and earn a CR grade by the above course grade criteria.

If you choose to not complete LS 7A after you have passed the ELM test, but would like to receive a CR grade in LS 7A, you must:

- Be attending your LS 7A class regularly AND
  - Talk to your LS 7A instructor regarding passing the ELM test AND
  - Take and pass the EGAD (Elementary Geometry Algebra Diagnostic) test with a score of at least 22.
- Failure to meet all three of these conditions will result in a NC grade in LS 7A.

If you retake the ELM test and place into LS 10A (ELM score of 36 – 48), and wish to receive a CR grade in LS 7A, you must complete LS 7A and earn a CR grade by the above course grade criteria. You will be required to enroll in LS 10A the following semester.

**Additional Help:** Additional help is available during your instructor's office hours. The Learning Skills Math Labs in LSN 2110 and LSN 2107 provide drop-in tutorial assistance to Learning Skills math students. The Math Lab in BRH 118 also provides drop-in tutorial assistance. The schedules for these labs are posted outside the indicated rooms.