Mathematical, Information and Computer Sciences

MTH0099 Elementary Algebra

3 Units

Fall 2026

Meeting days/times: MWF 12:15-1:10 PM

Meeting location: Rohr Science 295

Final Exam: Monday, 12/14, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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Fridays: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Department Mission

The Mathematical, Information, and Computer Sciences department at Point Loma Nazarene University is committed to maintaining a curriculum that provides its students with the tools to be productive, the passion to continue learning, and Christian perspectives to provide a basis for making sound value judgments.

Course Description

MTH 0099 Elementary Algebra (3 Units)
An introduction to algebra, including a study of the real number system, solutions of linear and quadratic equations, polynomials, factoring, systems of equations, graphing, inequalities, and radicals.

This course does not count toward the minimum 128 units required for graduation.

Program and Course Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate their ability to solve algebra problems.

Required Texts and Recommended Study Resources

Students are responsible for having the required course textbooks prior to the first day of class.

All supplemental materials posted on this course site (including articles, book excerpts, or other documents) are provided for your personal academic use. These materials may be protected by copyright law and should not be duplicated or distributed without permission of the copyright owner.

Elementary Algebra for College Students (10th Edition) by Allen Angel and Dennis Runde. Pearson Publishing ISBN:978-013-475900-5

Course Credit Hour Information

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3-unit class delivered over fifteen weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 113 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes.

Assessment and Grading

Graded Components

- **Homework**: Homework will be assigned each week, and the homework will be due in class at the start of class on Wednesday.

- **Examinations and Final Examination**. The two mid-term Examinations and the Final Examination will include problems and questions over material assigned in the text, readings and handouts, as well as material presented in class. No examination shall be missed without prior consent or a well-documented emergency beyond your control. In that case, the make-up exam will take place at 8:30 AM on the Saturday before final exams (December 12, 2026). A

score of zero will be assigned for an examination that is missed without prior consent or a well-documented emergency beyond your control.

Point Distribution:

Homework	30%
Exams (2)	40%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

Grading Scale

Grades are based on the number of points accumulated throughout the course with the following exception. *A student must pass at least one of Exam I, Exam II, or the Final Exam in order to pass the class.* That is, a score of 60% must be achieved on Exam I, Exam II, or the Final Exam, or else the final course grade will be an F regardless of all other point totals. Approximate minimal percentages required to obtain a given grade are:

Sample Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages

A	B	C	D	F
A [92.5-100]	B+ [87.5-90)	C+ [77.5-80)	D+ [67.5-70)	F [0-60)
A- [90-92.5)	B [82.5-87.5)	C [72.5-77.5)	D [62.5-67.5)	
	B- [80-82.5)	C- [70-72.5)	D- [60-62.5)	

Final Examination Policy

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the Traditional Undergraduate Records: Final Exam Schedules site. If you find yourself scheduled for three (3) or more final examinations on the same day, you are authorized to contact each professor to arrange a different time for one of those exams. However, unless you have three (3) or more exams on the same day, no requests for alternative final examinations will be granted.

Incompletes and Late Assignments

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

You are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini Pro 1.5, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc) to generate ideas, but you are *not allowed* to use AI tools to generate content (text, video, audio, image, problem solutions, equations) that will end up in any work submitted to be graded for this course. If you have any doubts about using AI, please gain permission from the instructor.

PLNU Academic Accommodations Policy

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center, by email or phone at 619-849-2533. Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines approved accommodations. Professors are able to view a student's approved accommodations through Accommodate.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their approved accommodations in that particular course. Accommodations are not retroactive; as such, clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

Students who need accommodations for a disability-related need should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. In accordance with ADA, accommodations cannot constitute a fundamental alteration to course outcomes; therefore, planning ahead is vital in establishing appropriate accommodations for equal access to this course. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU must go through the EAC eligibility process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any accommodations.

Additional Course Information

Additional PLNU policies and practices that apply to this course can be found at the following link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SoL5YMfCv_5cobhBwrDjbcZJzNKKTCfM/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=104297418648613020764&rtpof=true&sd=true

LomaBooks Instructions for Students

This course is part of our course material delivery program, LomaBooks. The bookstore will provide each student with a convenient package containing all required physical materials; all digitally delivered materials will be integrated into Canvas.

You should have received an email from the bookstore confirming the list of materials that will be provided for each of your courses and asking you to select how you would like to receive any printed components (in-store pick up or home delivery). If you have not done so already, please confirm your fulfillment preference so the bookstore can prepare your LomaBooks materials.

Assignments At-A-Glance

Date	Details	Due
Thu Sep 3, 2026	Quiz Academic Honesty Verification Statement	due by 11:59pm
Wed Sep 9, 2026	Assignment WK1 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Sep 16, 2026	Assignment WK2 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Sep 23, 2026	Assignment WK3 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Sep 30, 2026	Assignment WK4 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Oct 7, 2026	Assignment WK5 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Fri Oct 9, 2026	Assignment EXAM 1	due by 12:15pm
Wed Oct 14, 2026	Assignment WK6 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Oct 21, 2026	Assignment WK7 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Oct 28, 2026	Assignment WK8 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Nov 4, 2026	Assignment WK9 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Nov 11, 2026	Assignment WK10 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Fri Nov 13, 2026	Assignment EXAM 2	due by 12:15pm
Wed Nov 18, 2026	Assignment WK11 | Homework	due by 12:15pm

Date	Details	Due
Wed Dec 2, 2026	Assignment WK12 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
	Assignment WK13 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Wed Dec 9, 2026	Assignment WK14 | Homework	due by 12:15pm
Mon Dec 14, 2026	Assignment FINAL EXAM	due by 10:30am
	Assignment WK15 | Homework	due by 10:30am
	Assignment Roll Call Attendance	