

**South Plains College, Plainview, TX – Mathematics Department**  
**College Algebra – MATH 1314**  
**Course Syllabus – FALL 2021**

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**Course Description:** College Algebra (MATH 1314) is the study and application of common algebraic functions, including polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and rational problems are addressed. Matrices and systems of equations & inequalities are also addressed. Credits (3,3,1)

Prerequisite:

TSIA1: Score 350 or above // TSIA2: Score 950 or above -or- Diagnostic 6

**Textbook:** The textbook needed for this course: (Online version through Pearson Education)  
Beecher, J.; Penna, J.; Johnson, B.; Bittinger, M. (2017). College Algebra with Intermediate Algebra, a Blended Course. Boston: Pearson. ISBN 0134555260.

**Attendance:** Attendance and effort are the most important activities for success in this course. The instructor maintains records of the student's engagement throughout the semester. As a Face-to-Face course, the student should attend at least 75% of the course in the classroom. Should absences exceed 25%, the instructor has the right to drop the student with a grade of F or an X, depending on the instructor's discretion. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

**Student Learning Outcomes/Competencies\*:**

Upon completion of MATH 1314 and receiving a passing grade, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, operations, compositions, and inverses.
2. Recognize and apply polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions and solve related equations.
3. Apply graphing techniques.
4. Evaluate all roots of higher degree polynomial and rational functions.
5. Recognize, solve and apply systems of linear equations using matrices.
6. Solve inequalities.

**COVID-19 Syllabus Statement:** It is the policy of South Plains College that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. There will be no requirement for face coverings at any location on any South Plains College campus or classroom. Faculty, staff, or students may continue to wear a mask voluntarily, but there will be no requirements for face coverings in any circumstance. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or get tested for COVID-19:

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376.

**Course Objectives:** Successful completion of this course should reflect mastery of the preceding competencies.

**Core Objectives:**

*Communication Skills:* Effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.

*Critical Thinking:* Creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.

*Empirical and Quantitative Competency Skills:* The manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

**Supplementary Course Information:** Blackboard is the online course management system that will be utilized for this course. This course syllabus, as well as any class handouts can be accessed through Blackboard. Login at <http://spc.blackboard.com>. The user name and password should be the same as the MySPC and SPC email.

User name: first initial, last name, and last 4 digits of the Student ID

Password: Original CampusConnect Pin No. (found on SPC acceptance letter)

**Supplies:** You will need a TI 83+ or TI 84+ graphing calculator\*, graph paper, and a 3-ring binder.

*\*Calculators on cell phones, TI-89, TI-92, or TI-Inspire calculators, or any other electronic devices will NOT be allowed during testing without permission from the instructor.*

**Assignments & Grading:** Homework assignments will be made at each class meeting. Please make certain all materials accompany you to each class meeting. Daily work (homework) will count for 40%, unit tests count for 40%, and the Final Exam will count for 20% of the Final Grade. Your final average in the course will determine the letter grade posted on your transcript.

Grade is determined by the following scale: A (90-100%), B (80-89%), C (70-79%), D (60-69%), F (0-59%).

Note:

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail-order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain an unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

**Student Conduct:** The Student "Code of Conduct" will be followed in this course. You are expected to be respectful to others in the classroom. Please SILENCE phones before entering class and assist in maintaining a classroom environment conducive to learning. Any student disrupting the learning environment will be asked to leave and may be dropped from the course.

**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about

others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Disability:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request ADA Sec. 504 accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office in the Student Health & Wellness Office, 806-716-2577, or at the Plainview, TX Campus main office, 806-296-9611.

**Nondiscrimination Policy:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations, you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**Equal Opportunity:** South Plains College strives to accommodate the individual needs of all students in order to enhance their opportunities for success in the context of a comprehensive community college setting. It is the policy of South Plains College to offer all educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or age.

**Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11** (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: ([http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\\_resources/policy\\_procedure/hhc.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php)).

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

MATH 1314 Assignments and Tests Schedule – FALL 2021 – Mr. Johnson

	Lesson / Tentative Assignment
Week 1	2.3 Finding Domain & Range 2.4 The Algebra of Functions 9.1 Composite Functions 2.7 Finding Equations of Lines TEST – A
Week 2	3.2 Solving by Substitution 3.3 Solving by Elimination 3.5 Systems of Equations in 3 Variables
Week 3	10.1 Matrices & System of Equations 10.2 Matrix Operations 10.4 Determinants & Cramer’s Rule TEST – B
Week 4	4.3 Intro Factoring polynomials 4.4 & 4.5 Factoring Trinomials 4.6 Factoring Special Trinomials TEST – C
Week 5	5.3 Division of Polynomials 5.4 Complex Rational Expressions 5.5 Solving Rational Equations TEST – D
Week 6	6.1 Radical Expressions & Functions 6.2 Rational Numbers as Exponents 6.3 Simplifying Radical Equations
Week 7	6.5 Division of Radical Expressions 6.6 Solving Radical Equations 6.7 Applications Involving Powers & Roots TEST – E
Week 8	7.3 The Complex Numbers 7.4 Quadratic Equations, Functions, Zeros, & Models 7.5 Analyzing Quadratic Functions TEST – F
Week 9	8.1 Polynomial Functions & Models 8.2 Graphing polynomial Functions 8.3 Polynomial Division; Remainder Theorem; Factor Theorem
Week 10	8.4 Zeros of Polynomial Functions 8.5 Rational Polynomial Functions TEST – G
Week 11	9.2 Inverse Functions 9.3 Exponential Functions & Their Graphs 9.4 Logarithmic Functions & Graphs
Week 12	9.5 Properties of Logarithmic Functions 9.6 Solving Exponential & Logarithmic Equations 9.7 Applications: Growth & Decay; Compound Interest TEST – H
Week 13	12.1 Sequences & Series 12.2 Arithmetic Sequences & Series 12.3 Geometric Sequences & Series
Week 14	12.7 Binomial Theorem
Week 15	REVIEW
Week 16	Final Exam To Be Announced.  The Instructor reserves the right to change and/or modify the syllabus according to the needs of the class as it progresses through the semester.