

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: MATH 1332
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Department: Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

Discipline: Mathematics

Course Number: MATH 1332

Course Title: Contemporary Mathematics

Available Formats: conventional, hybrid, and internet

Campuses: Levelland, Plainview, Lubbock Center and Dual Credit

Course Description: Intended for Non-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors. Topics include introductory treatments of sets and logic, financial mathematics, probability and statistics with appropriate applications. Number sense, proportional reasoning, estimation, technology, and communication should be embedded throughout the course. Additional topics may be covered.

Prerequisite: Minimum score of 350 on the TSIA1, minimum score of 950 on the TSIA2, a diagnostic score of 6 on the TSIA2, TSI-exempt status, a successful completion with a grade of 'C' or better in MATH 0337, or successful completion of NCBM-0112.

Credit: 3 Lecture: 3 Lab: 0

Textbook: *Mathematical Ideas*, Miller, Heeren, and Hornsby, 2019, 14th Edition, Prentice Hall/Pearson Education

Supplies: Please see the instructor's course information sheet for specific supplies.

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement: Mathematics Foundational Component Area (020)

Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Empirical and quantitative competency skills**—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course and receiving a passing grade, the student will be able to:

1. Apply the language and notation of sets.
2. Determine the validity of an argument or statement and provide mathematical evidence.
3. Solve problems in mathematics of finance.
4. Demonstrate fundamental probability/counting techniques and apply those techniques to solve problems.

5. Interpret and analyze various representations of data.
6. Demonstrate the ability to choose and analyze mathematical models to solve problems from real-world settings, including, but not limited to, personal finance, health literacy, and civic engagement.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: A pre- and post-test questions will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester

Course Evaluation: There will be departmental final exam questions given by all instructors.

Attendance/Student Engagement Policy: Attendance and engagement are the most critical activities for success in this course. The instructor maintains records of the student's attendance and submission of assignments throughout the semester. The student is expected to attend at least eighty percent (80%) of the **total** class meetings **and** submit at least eighty percent (80%) of the **total** class assignments to have the best chance of success. If the student fails to meet these minimum requirements, the instructor may remove the student from the class with an X, upon their discretion, to help the student from harming their GPA. If the student cannot receive an X, the instructor will assign an F.

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.

COVID Syllabus Statement: If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test 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 or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A

home test is sufficient, but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at dedens@southplainscollege.edu.

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

Student Code of Conduct Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

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 Statement: Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request 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 to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 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 rcanon@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:rcanon@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

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 and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.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.

SPC Bookstore Price Match Guarantee Policy: If you find a lower price on a textbook, the South Plains College bookstore will match that price. The difference will be given to the student on a bookstore gift certificate! The gift certificate can be spent on anything in the store.

If students have already purchased textbooks and then find a better price later, the South Plains College bookstore will price match through the first week of the semester. The student must have a copy of the receipt and the book has to be in stock at the competition at the time of the price match.

The South Plains College bookstore will happily price match BN.com & books on Amazon noted as *ships from and sold by Amazon.com*. Online marketplaces such as *Other Sellers* on Amazon, Amazon's Warehouse Deals, *fulfilled by Amazon*, BN.com Marketplace, and peer-to-peer pricing are not eligible. They will price match the exact textbook, in the same edition and format, including all accompanying materials, like workbooks and CDs.

A textbook is only eligible for price match if it is in stock on a competitor's website at time of the price match request. Additional membership discounts and offers cannot be applied to the student's refund.

Price matching is only available on in-store purchases. Digital books, access codes sold via publisher sites, rentals and special orders are not eligible. Only one price match per title per customer is allowed.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.

COURSE SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR MATH1332.606 & 608

Instructor: Phyllis Cormier

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Office: Downtown Lubbock Center, Rm B016 Phone: (806)716-2797

Office hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:50 – 9:20 AM	9:00 – 11:00 AM			
2:30 – 3:30 PM				

Office hours are times I have set aside to work with students on any questions they have about the class. You are encouraged to come by my office during these times and ask questions to improve your understanding of the course material.

Appointments may also be made to meet face-to-face or virtual outside of these times. You may make an appointment through email, in person, or by calling. I will respond to emails within 24 hours Monday through Friday.

Email: All students at South Plains College are assigned an SPC email account. Although personal email addresses will continue to be collected, the assigned SPC email account will be used as the official channel of communication for South Plains College. To access the SPC student email account, login to MySPC and click the SPC Google Mail option under Campus Bookmarks. Students should make it a habit to check their student email account frequently. (Copied from SPC Student Guide.)

Class Structure: The class will meet in person two days a week. If you must miss class for any reason, the notes and videos are provided for you on Blackboard.

Class Attendance: Attendance and effort are the keys to success in this class. 6 absences are allowed for the semester. If you exceed this number, you may be dropped from the course.

Assignments & Grading:

Practice Problems: Practice problems will be assigned each class day and will be due the following class day. **Show all work on notebook paper.** Work submitted on the Practice problems sheet will not be accepted. Scan your work as a single pdf and submit your work on Gradescope. Practice problems are on Blackboard with the solutions.

Quizzes: Short in class quizzes will be given each week we do not have an exam. These will closely resemble the assigned practice problems. Answers are not provided for the quizzes. Questions may be asked about the practice problems before the quiz is distributed, but the quizzes are to be completed without assistance. Quizzes will be completed in class without apps or websites, but scientific calculators, notes, and practice problems may be used. **Quizzes cannot be made up. Work must be shown to receive credit.**

Exams: You may use a scientific or graphing calculator on the exams but calculators on cell phones will not be permitted. Cell phones should be out of sight and not touched during exams. The use of any websites or apps during exams is considered cheating. You may bring one sheet of notebook paper with formulas on one side only to use during the exam.

Make-up exams will be available only on rare and well-documented occasions. If you miss an exam for any reason, the final exam will take the place of the missed exam. If you miss two exams, you may be dropped from the course. If you know you will need to miss an exam, let me know before the exam so an alternate testing time can be arranged **before** the exam is taken in class. Comprehensive final exams are required. Students who do not take the final exam will receive a zero for the final exam grade.

You are responsible for completing practice problems, quizzes, and exams on time. Print out the course calendar and keep it with your other course material to help you keep up with deadlines.

There will be 4 exams and a comprehensive final exam.

Course Evaluation:

Practice Problems	10%
Quizzes	20%
Exam 1	12.5%
Exam 2	12.5%
Exam 3	12.5%
Exam 4	12.5%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

Grade Average	Final Grade
89.5 and above	A
79.5 – 89.4	B
69.5 – 79.4	C
59.5 – 69.4	D
59.4 and below	F

To maximize potential for successful completion of this course:

- Attend class prepared to work.
- Print notes provided on Blackboard and fill in examples during class.
- Complete all practice problems to the best of your ability.
- Ask questions on any problems that you had difficulties with.
- Rework the practice problems until you have mastered them.
- Organize all class material in a 3-ring binder.

Supplies:

- The textbook is optional. Practice problems and notes will be provided on Blackboard. If you would like a book for reference, I recommend the following:

Textbook: *Mathematical Ideas*, Miller, Heeren, and Hornsby, 2019, 14th Edition, Prentice Hall/Pearson Education

- scientific calculator (The TI-30XIIS is a good and inexpensive option.)
- pencils, notebook paper, 3-ring binder (optional but highly recommended)
- Computer or cell phone that you can use to check Blackboard and emails.
- Scanning app used to make pdfs of your work to submit on Gradescope. I recommend the Gradescope app.

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

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

Password: Original CampusConnect Pin Number (found on SPC acceptance letter)

Questions regarding Blackboard support may be emailed to blackboard@southplainscollege.edu or by telephone 806-716-2180.

Check Blackboard and your SPC email often for any updates. Additional study aids may also be added.

SPC Tutors

Tutoring is FREE for all currently enrolled students. Make an appointment or drop-in for help at any SPC location or online! Visit the link below to learn more about how to book an appointment, view the tutoring schedule, get to know the tutors, and view tutoring locations.

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/exploreprograms/artsandsciences/teacheredtutoring.php>

Tutor.com

You also have 180 FREE minutes of tutoring with tutor.com each week, and your hours reset every Monday morning. Log into Blackboard, click on the tutor.com link on the left-hand tool bar and grab a session with a tutor. You can access tutor.com tutors during the following times:

Monday – Thursday: 8pm-8am

6pm Friday – 8am Monday morning

Contemporary Mathematics - MATH 1332.606 Fall 2022 Tentative Course Calendar

Week	Date	Topic covered/ Assignment due following class day
1	Aug 29 th	1 Order of operations & Solving Linear Equations
	Aug 31 st	2 Solving Linear Equations (continued) with Applications
2	Sept 5 th	Labor Day Holiday
	Sept 7 th	3 Quadratic Equations with Applications
3	Sept 12 th	4 Distance, Midpoint, Slope of a line & Average Rate of Change
	Sept 14 th	5 Equations of Lines
4	Sept 19 th	6 Solving Systems with Applications
	Sept 21 st	Review for Exam 1
5	Sept 26 th	Exam 1
	Sept 28 th	7 Applications of Decimals & Percentages
6	Oct 3 rd	8 Ratio, Proportion, & Variation
	Oct 5 th	9 Time Value of Money
7	Oct 10 th	10 Cost of Homeownership & Annuities
	Oct 12 th	11 Unit Conversions & Scientific Notation
8	Oct 17 th	Review for Exam 2
	Oct 19 th	Exam 2
9	Oct 24 th	12 Triangles
	Oct 26 th	13 Perimeter, Circumference & Area
10	Oct 31 st	14 Volume and Surface Area
	Nov 2 nd	15 Trigonometry with Applications
11	Nov 7 th	EXAM 3
	Nov 9 th	16 Venn diagrams, Subsets, and Set Operations
12	Nov 14 th	17 Counting Techniques including the Fundamental Counting Principle
	Nov 16 th	18 Basic Probability Empirical and Theoretical & Prob with “Not” & “Or”
13	Nov 21 st	19 Probability with “And” & Conditional & Expected Value
	Nov 23 rd	Thanksgiving Break
14	Nov 28 th	Review for Exam 4
	Nov 30 th	EXAM 4
Thurs	Dec 1 st	Last day to drop
15	Dec 5 th	20 Visual Display of Data & Measures of Central Tendency
	Dec 7 th	Review for Final
16	Dec 12 th	FINAL EXAM 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM