

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: MATH 1314
Revised July 2023

Department: Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

Discipline: Mathematics

Course Number: MATH 1314

Course Title: College Algebra

Available Formats: conventional, hybrid, internet, and ITV

Campuses: Levelland, Downtown Center, Plainview Center, and Dual Credit

Course Description: In-depth study and applications of polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and logarithmic functions, and systems of equations using matrices. Additional topics such as sequences, series, probability, and conics may be included.

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 0320, or successful completion of NCBM-0114.

Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 1

Textbook: *College Algebra with Intermediate Algebra: A Blended Course*, Beecher, Penna, Johnson, and Bittinger, 2018, 1st 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. 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.

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 can not 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.

Student Code of Conduct Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect from the student and the instructor. Neither the instructor nor the student should be subject to others' rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning behavior. 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.

For information regarding official South Plains College statements about intellectual exchange, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE Team, and Campus Concealed Carry, please visit

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>.

South Plains College policies, return to campus plan, and protocols regarding COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/emergency/covid19-faq.php>.

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 MATH 1314.606

Class meeting time: 9:00 AM – 10:45 AM Monday and Wednesday **Place:** Room B030

Instructor: Phyllis Cormier **Email:** pcormier@southplainscollege.edu

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

Office Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				9:00 – 11:00 AM
12:30 – 1:00 PM		12:30 – 1:00 PM		
	2:30 – 3:00 PM		2:30 – 3:00 PM	
5:00 – 5:30 PM	4:00 – 5:30 PM	5:00 – 5:30 PM	4:00 – 5:30 PM	

Office hours are times I have set aside to work with students on any questions they have about the class. Please use this time to improve your understanding of the material. Appointments may also be made to meet face-to-face or virtually. You may make an appointment through email, in person, or by calling. I will respond to emails within 24 hours. If I am in my office, feel free to stop by without an appointment.

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:

- Navigate to <https://office.com> and select **Sign In**
- Username: MySPCusername@southplainscollege.edu
- Password: **Your MySPC/Blackboard password**
- Select **Outlook** to check your new SPC email.

Students should make it a habit to check their student email account frequently. (Copied from SPC Student Guide.)

Class Structure: This is a conventional course. 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:

Notes: Class notes will be provided on Blackboard. It is recommended that you print out the notes and fill them in during class. If you miss class for any reason or need to review a section, videos are provided on Blackboard to help you.

Homework: Assignments are made 2 days a week. Practice problems are on Blackboard and will be due at 10:00 PM on the class day following the day the topic is discussed in class. **Work must be shown to receive credit.** The answers are provided so your job is to show that you understand why that is the answer. The average of your practice problem grades will count 10% of your grade. I will grade practice problems 70% for completion and 30% for correct work. I

will grade 3 – 7 problems from each lesson to assess your understanding. Late work will be accepted for a completion score only. Late work will not be accepted after one week from the original due date.

Submitting work: You will need the Gradescope app on your phone or tablet to make a single pdf of your work to submit on Gradescope.

Quizzes: Short in-class quizzes will be given according to the tentative course schedule. 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, practice problems, and notes may be used.

Quizzes cannot be made up. Work must be shown to receive credit. The best 5 quiz grades will be used to determine your quiz average.

Exams: There will be 4 exams and a comprehensive final exam. Exams will be given during class time. You may use a scientific or simple graphing calculator on the exams but calculators on cell phones or other electronic devices will not be permitted. Cell phones should be out of sight and not touched during exams. Earbuds and headphones must be removed during testing. The use of any websites or apps during exams is considered cheating. You may not leave the room during an exam. You may bring two 3-inch by 5-inch notecards with formulas and/or examples to use during the exam. Information must be written directly on the card with no additional information attached to the notecard.

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 homework and exams on time. Print out the course calendar and keep it with your other course material to help you keep up with deadlines.

Course Evaluation:

Practice Problems average	10%	<u>Grade Average</u>	<u>Final Grade</u>
Quiz average	10%	90 and above	A
Exam 1	15%	80 – 89	B
Exam 2	15%	70 – 79	C
Exam 3	15%	60 – 69	D
Exam 4	15%	59 and below	F
Final Exam	<u>20%</u>		
Total	100%		

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.
- Scientific calculator or simple graphing calculator (TI-89, TI-Nspire, and calculators on cell phones are not allowed)
- Pencils, notebook paper, 3-ring binder, 3-inch x 5-inch notecards
- 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.

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 tools option from the left-hand menu bar. Click on the Tutor.com link and you will automatically be logged in for free tutoring. You may access tutor.com tutors during the following times

Monday – Thursday: 8pm-8am

6pm Friday – 8am Monday morning

For questions regarding tutoring, please email tutoring@southplainscollege.edu or call 806-716-2538.

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 Texan Connect and SPC email.

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

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Spring 2024 Tentative Course Outline

Week	Dates	Lesson	Tentative Quiz schedule
1	Wed Jan 17 th	Assignment 1 – Factoring Review	
2	Mon Jan 22 nd	Assignment 2 – Linear and Rational Equations	
	Wed Jan 24 th	Assignment 3 – Linear Applications & Simplifying Radical Expressions	QUIZ 1
3	Mon Jan 29 th	Assignment 4 – Complex Numbers and Solving Quadratic Equations I – Factoring and the Square Root Property	
	Wed Jan 31 st	Assignment 5 – Quadratic Equations II– Completing the Square and the Quadratic Formula	QUIZ 2
4	Mon Feb 5 th	Assignment 6 – Other types of Equations Radical, Rational Exponents & Quadratic Type Equations	
	Wed Feb 7 th	Assignment 7 – Absolute Value Equations and Linear & Absolute Value Inequalities	
5	Mon Feb 12 th	EXAM 1	
	Wed Feb 14 th	Assignment 8 – Functions & Their Graphs	
6	Mon Feb 19 th	Assignment 9 – Linear Functions	
	Wed Feb 21 st	Assignment 10 – Distance, Midpoint & Circles	QUIZ 3
7	Mon Feb 26 th	Assignment 11 – Composition and Inverse Functions	
	Wed Feb 28 th	Assignment 12 – Quadratic Functions, Synthetic Division, and the Rational Root Theorem	QUIZ 4
8	Mon Mar 4 th	Review for Exam 2	
	Wed Mar 6 th	EXAM 2	
**	Mar 11 – Mar 15	Spring Break	
9	Mon Mar 18 th	Assignment 13 – Polynomial & Rational Inequalities	
	Wed Mar 20 th	Assignment 14 – Polynomial Functions and Their Graphs	
10	Mon Mar 25 th	Assignment 15 – Rational Functions and Their Graphs	QUIZ 5
	Wed Mar 27 th	Assignment 16 – Exponential and Logarithmic Functions	
	Fri Mar 29 th	Easter Break – Good Friday	
11	Mon Apr 1 st	Assignment 17 – Properties of Logs	QUIZ 6
	Wed Apr 3 rd	Assignment 18 – Exponential and Logarithmic Equations	
12	Mon Apr 8 th	Assignment 19 – Review	
	Wed Apr 10 th	EXAM 3	
	Fri Apr 12 th	Online registration for Spring Interim, Summer, and Fall 2024 opens at 8:00 AM	
13	Mon Apr 15 th	Assignment 20 – 2x2 and 3x3 systems	
	Wed Apr 17 th	Assignment 21 – Matrix Solutions	
14	Mon Apr 22 nd	Assignment 22 - Cramer’s Rule	QUIZ 7
	Wed Apr 24 th	Assignment 23 – Nonlinear Systems and Systems of Inequalities	
	Thurs Apr 25 th	Last day to drop Fall semester classes	
15	Mon Apr 29 th	EXAM 4	
	Wed May 1 st	Review for final exam	
16	Wed May 8	FINAL EXAM 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	