

Fall 2087 - MATH 1314 - COLLEGE ALGEBRA

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Course Description: MATH 1314. COLLEGE ALGEBRA. (3:3:1) Prerequisite: Two units of high school algebra or MATH 0320. A standard course in college algebra. Quadratic equations; ratio and proportion; variation, binomial theorem; progressions; inequalities; complex numbers; theory of equations; determinants and matrices; linear programming; mathematical induction; permutations and combinations. (Copied from the current SPC catalog.)

Textbook: College Algebra with Intermediate Algebra: A Blended Course by Beecher, Penna, Johnson, and Bittinger

The hardcopy is optional. MyMathLab will be required.

Course Objectives: Successful completion of this course should reflect mastery of the following objectives.

1. Solve and graph problems involving linear, quadratic, exponential, and logarithmic functions
2. Solve and graph linear, quadratic, and rational inequalities
3. Identify and simplify complex numbers
4. Apply midpoint, distance, and circle formulas
5. Analyze and graph polynomial functions
6. Analyze and graph rational functions
7. Create and solve systems of equations with algebraic techniques, with matrix techniques, and with determinants

Texas Success Initiative (TSI): The Texas Success Initiative is a state program designed to ensure that all Texas institutions provide placement testing, personal advisement and appropriate instruction to students to enhance their opportunities for success in their college studies. All new students entering Texas colleges and universities are required to take a placement test prior to enrolling in college-level courses, unless exempt from testing under specified state standards (i.e., scores on ACT, SAT or TAKS). Testing will indicate whether a student possesses adequate basic college-level skills in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to begin an undergraduate program of study. (Copied from the current SPC catalog.)

ATTENDANCE: Attendance and effort are the most important activities for success in this course. If you are absent, you, alone, are responsible for getting the notes and doing your assignment before the next class. If you decide to stop coming to class, you must go through the drop procedure. A student who stops attending or misses *five* classes may be dropped with a grade of F or X at the discretion of the instructor. Please talk with me to verify if you have successfully dropped the course. Please read the "Drops and Withdrawals" policies on page 21 in the current catalog. Attendance will be checked in each class meeting via a sign-in sheet. ***It is your responsibility to make sure that you sign in each class.*** Do not call or email me later to tell me that you forgot to sign in. That is your responsibility, not mine. Your number of absences will be calculated by the number of times you do not sign in. Therefore, you have a lot to lose if you do not.

HOMEWORK & QUIZZES: Homework will be on-line using MyMathLab. Homework should be a daily occurrence. It is important to note that it is *impossible* to pass this course without the homework. Additionally, after each section is covered in class, I will assign a set of suggested problems. These problems are not to be turned in, they are for your benefit only. Although these problems are not to be turned in, not doing them is a phenomenally bad idea!!! I recommend keeping all these assignments together in a notebook, in chronological order, along with your class notes. This will make preparing for exams much easier.

MML: In order to do your homework you must have access to the internet. Follow the instructions in the MML handout to register and get started.

You may work the homework problems as many times as you would like. The best grade is the one I will record. Also, the more time you spend going over the homework, the greater the likelihood your grade will improve in the course.

Important Note: The homework problems assigned online via MyMathLab are required and are the only homework grades given in this class. If you do not have a personal computer or your computer is in serious need of an upgrade, there are many computer labs on the Reese Center campus, the Levelland campus, and the Lubbock Center which have very liberal hours.

Grading:		Grading Scale:	
	Homework	30%	A 90-100
	Unit Exams	60%	B 80-89
	Final Exam	10%	C 70-79
			D 60-69
			F 59 or below

EXAMINATIONS: There will be 3 major exams. Correct the exams as they are returned in partial preparation for the final exam. Exams **MAY NOT** be made up. If you are absent on the day an exam is given, you will receive a grade of zero for that exam. At the discretion of the instructor, the final exam grade **may** be used to replace one zero for a missed exam. Subsequent zeros will stand. *There is no such thing as missing the final exam.*

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR: Be aware that class is over when I dismiss it, and not before. Any student who repeatedly disrupts my class will be asked to leave. Some of the things that I consider “disruptions” include, but are not limited to, packing your things before the end of class, ringing cell phones, talking while I am talking, making a late “entrance”, and so on. Texting while in class is also a disruption. **No tobacco products of any kind may be used at any time during class.** Chronic offenders will be banned from the classroom. It is phenomenally difficult to pass my class if you cannot attend on test days.
Do NOT use texting abbreviations in any correspondence with me.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: While working on homework, students are allowed and even encouraged to work together. In this situation, two or more heads are almost always better than one. However, exams are different matter entirely. Each student is expected to work alone and with only the tools allowed for the exam. Any student caught cheating on an exam will receive a zero on that exam. A second offence will result in the student receiving an F for the course. Any student caught cheating on the final exam will receive an F for the course. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Diversity: 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 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 Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529.

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.

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