South Plains College Common Course Syllabus: MATH 0315 Revised August 2020

Department: Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

Discipline: Mathematics

Course Number: MATH 0315

Course Title: Beginning Algebra

Available Formats: conventional/flex and internet

Campuses: Levelland, Reese, Plainview, and Lubbock Center

Course Description: This course is designed for those students who need MATH 0314 or MATH 0324 and did not score a minimum of 340 on the TSIA. It includes properties of signed numbers, algebraic expressions, linear equations in one unknown and geometry. Time in a math lab is required. This course will not satisfy graduation requirements. The course is required if testing indicates a need.

Prerequisite: Maximum score of 339 on TSIA without an ABE score or a successful completion of NCBM 0105.

Credit: 3 Lecture: 3 Lab: 1

Textbook: *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra*, Sullivan/Struve/Mazzarella, 2018, 4th 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: No

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

- 1. Add, subtract, multiply and divide real numbers.
- 2. Use the order of operations to simplify an expression.
- 3. Simplify algebraic expressions.
- 4. Solve linear equations.
- 5. Translate and solve word problems.
- 6. Solve linear inequalities.
- 7. Graph equations in two variables by the intercept method and the slope intercept method.
- 8. Evaluate expressions using exponent rules.
- 9. Add, subtract, multiply and divide polynomials.
- 10. Factor polynomials.
- 11. Solve quadratic equations by factoring.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: None

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

Attendance/Student Engagement Policy: 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. The student will be allowed to miss twenty percent (20%) of class assignments for the semester, *for any reason*. Should this number be exceeded, the instructor has the right to drop the student with a grade of F or an X, depending on the instructor's discretion.

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: Should be provided by the Vice-President of Student Services over email.

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 <u>activate</u> 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 <u>email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu</u> 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.

MATH 0315 Beginning Algebra Syllabus

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Office Hours:	MW: 11:30 am - 1 pm, F: 8am - 9:30 am (virtual)		
	TR: 8 am - 9 am, F: 9:30 am - 11 am (Levelland)		
	or by appointment		

Prerequisites: Appropriate score on TSI exam

Materials: Elementary and Intermediate Algebra 4th ed. by Sullivan, Struve, Mazzarellawill be the basis for this course. Purchasing the textbook is not required, but is highly recommended. Suitable writing instruments and paper for taking notes and completing assignments. Calculators are *not* permitted in this course. As this course uses online homework from MyMathLab, and classes may be attended remotely, students should have access to a reliable and functioning computer with webcam, microphone and speakers, as well as a reliable high-speed internet connection

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO BE FAMILIAR WITH SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE POLICIES. BELOW ARE ITEMS SPECIFIC TO THIS COURSE

Assessment: Grading will be done according to the standard 10 percent scale (i.e. 100% - 90% is an A, etc.) with assignments weighted according to the following scale

Homework	10%
Quizzes	10%
Writing Mathematically	15%
Tests	15% each
Final Exam	20%

Class Attendance: Students must attend all classes, and are responsible for the material covered in the course, even if absent. As this is a synchronous hybrid course, students must attend in-person on the day they are assigned, and must attend remotely using the blackboard collaborate link if they are assigned remote attendance for that day. In the event that a student assigned in-person attendance cannot attend due to illness or a postive COVID-19 test, they should attend remotely if healthy enough to do so. This attendance is tracked by the instructor in order to be responsive to student needs and to uphold the academic integrity of the course.

Homework: As stated above, MyMathLab will be used as a remote homework system. Students should expect to complete homework assignments daily for best results. All homework assignments will have embedded lecture videos produced by Pearson to assist in learning.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given as needed to assess understanding of the material. Quizzes do not have to be announced in advance, and they cannot be made up, retaken, or dropped, except at the discretion of the instructor. Quizzes may be given in-person (with a digital copy to be submitted on blackboard for students attending remotely) or may be assigned on MyMathLab outside of class. Quizzes are intended to be short enough to do within 10-20 minutes.

Exams: There will be four midterm exams given during this course. All exams are cumulative, and will require knowledge and techniques from previous exams. During exams all electronic devices should be turned *off* and put away. There is no tolerance for violations. *Makeup exams are not given*.

Final Exam: The final exam is comprehensive, and a required part of the course. Failure to take the final exam results in an automatic F. As the final exam is comprehensive, your final exam grade also serves as the lowest possible grade for the course. The Final Exam will be held at 8 am,December 9.

Extra Credit: See document under "Syllabus" heading in Blackboard