

South Plains College

Math 0314 1314 - College Algebra with Support Course

Section C151

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I. Common Course Syllabus – Math Department Policies

Department: Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

Discipline: Mathematics

Course Number: MATH 0314

Course Number: MATH 1314

Course Title: College Algebra Support Course

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Available Formats: conventional/flex and internet

Campuses: Levelland, Plainview Center, Lubbock Downtown Center

Course Description: Math 0314 is to be taken concurrently with MATH 1314. Background topics which are necessary for a student to successfully complete MATH 1314 will be covered, with an emphasis on fractions, factoring polynomials, functions, exponents, and operating with radical and rational expressions. Math 1314 is an 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 340 on the TSIA1, minimum diagnostic score of 3 on the TSIA2, successful completion with a grade of 'C' or better in MATH 0315, or successful completion of NCBM-0105.

0314 Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 1

1314 Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 1

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement: 0314 - None
1314 - 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 cannot receive an X, the instructor will assign an F.

II. South Plains College Policies

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.

South Plains College policies concerning diversity, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, and Campus Concealed Carry Statements can be found here:

<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>.

*****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.**

III. Section Policies

Instructor Information: Jacqueline Fowler
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B022 (LBK Downtown Center - Basement)
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Office Hours: Monday 12:15 – 1:00
2:45 – 5:15
Wednesday 12:15 – 1:00
2:45 – 5:15
Friday 8:00 – 9:30

Required Materials:

- Access to reliable internet service
- Access to a printer
- 3-ring binder
- Scientific calculator (TI-30XIIS)
- a device with the capability to participate in Zoom meetings with video and audio

Prohibited Materials:

***Graphing Calculators

Blackboard: Blackboard (Bb) is an online course management system that SPC uses for course information. For technical support, call 806-716-2180 or email blackboard@southplainscollege.edu.

Communication: All emails need to be sent through your SPC email account to my SPC email account. Do **not** email me through Bb. I will try to respond to all emails within 24 hours, but sometimes it may take longer. Emails sent to me after 9:30 am on Friday may not receive a response until Monday morning.

- You **must** include your name and class on every email.
- Do **not** use your personal email. (I will **only** respond to SPC email addresses.)
- Be professional in your messages. (Do **not** use all caps or text language.)

Dropping the class: If you wish to drop this class, you will need to submit a drop form online ([online drop form](#)) or you may visit the Student Services Office. **If you are taking this class with a relative or anyone that lives with you, you must notify me immediately. Failure to disclose this information could result in being dropped from the class with an X. If someone other than you logs into your Blackboard account or attends a zoom meeting in your place, you WILL be dropped from this class immediately and receive an X or F at my discretion.**

Grading Formula: The final letter grade for this course will be based on the following:

- A: 90 – 100
- B: 80 – 89
- C: 70 – 79
- D: 60 – 69
- F: 0 – 59

$$\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Exam 1} + \text{Exam 2} + \text{Exam 3} + \text{Exam 4} + \text{EC points}}{4}$$

General Info / Extension of deadlines: Please make note of all deadlines on the outline in Blackboard. You should ALWAYS stay days ahead of schedule so that if you have any issues, it can be resolved before the deadline. **Issues cannot be resolved after the deadline.** You must give me 24 hours to fix any issues. **NEVER wait until the last day to complete an assignment.** Computers seem to have issues when you are in a hurry to meet a deadline. **Computer problems, mechanical failures, internet service provider issues, etc. do not constitute excuses for late submission of work.** To be fair to everyone, assignments will NOT be accepted late for ANY reason, so do NOT even ask. **No exceptions!**

Note-taking tips: All instruction will be given online, so these suggestions will help you be successful.

- Take careful notes from the video.
- Frequently pause the video to take notes.
- “Rewind” the video when you don’t understand things.
- When the instructor tells you to solve a problem or write something down, do it.
- Write down questions in your notes when you don’t understand something.
- Contact the instructor for help and clarification.

Showing Work: To receive full credit on exams, you must show all the work that leads to your answers. The work must be legible, make sense and be easy to follow. All work and answers should be handwritten.

No cell phones are to be used to get answers on any coursework at any time.

Homework: Homework is for practice only and will not be counted for a grade. Homework will prepare you for exams, so it is very beneficial to complete all questions.

Extra Credit: Quizzes over math study skills are in Blackboard. If you miss completing a quiz in Bb before the deadline, you will receive a zero. Use the following formula to determine extra credit points earned.
EC points = Average of all quizzes x 10%

Exams: Four exams will be given during class. If you miss an exam, you will have 7 days to take it, but it must be taken during my office hours. You will need to contact me asap to schedule it. If you wait too long to schedule, and I am not available, you will receive a zero.

Guidelines for proctored exams: If any ONE of the following guidelines are not followed, you will receive a zero on your quiz or exam.

- You must show your workspace in camera view.
- You must sit at a table or desk and your computer must be 3 feet away from you.
- Your hands must stay on top of the table or desk.
- You must keep your eyes on your paper and not look around the room.
- You must put your cell phone face down in the camera view and you are not allowed to use it. Once you pick up your cell phone to scan and email your work, you are NOT allowed to write anything else on your paper.
- Your calculator must be in camera view. You must include a picture of your calculator with your exam work.
- Other people are not allowed on camera, and you may not talk to another person.
- Hats and headphones of any kind are not allowed.
- Once you start the exam, you are not allowed to move out of the camera view.
- No foul language or loud noises and dress appropriately – remember, you are joining a classroom full of people that can hear and see everything you say and do.

Math Project: During the scheduled final exam time, you will complete a math project. Information will be given one week prior to the project.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please see the list of things that constitute plagiarism and cheating in the general syllabus. If you violate anything on those lists, you will receive a zero on the assignment and could be subject to other actions outlined in the South Plains College Student Code of Conduct. Please note that these actions could include failing the course and being expelled from the college.

Resources:

- Blackboard! All course information is found in Blackboard.
- Me! Feel free to email me at jfowler@southplainscollege.edu. If you email about a specific math question, please attach a picture of the question and the work that you have tried.
- Free tutoring is available via SPC. The link is in Blackboard. If you visit with a tutor, please share with them the work given in class.

Succeeding in a Math Class:

- Be mentally present! Pay attention and ask questions in class.
- Plan ahead. Do notes and practice problems early enough before the due date that you will have time to ask questions or seek help if you need it.
- Get help as soon as you feel yourself falling behind! Don't wait!
- All notes and practice problems for the course are posted on Blackboard. If you want to get ahead, that is encouraged. Time management is crucial.
- The best way to study for a math exam is to practice working problems over and over.
- Everyone learns and studies differently. I encourage you to seek out and find what works best for you.

Changes will be announced in class and posted in Blackboard.

Week	Dates	Topics
1	Jan 13 - 17	Study Skills - Diagnostic Inventory Notes 1.1 - Integers Notes 1.2 - Fractions Notes 1.3 - Order of Operations
		MLK Day - no classes - College closed
2	Jan 20 - 24	Study Skills - Tips for Success in Math Courses Notes 1.4 - Polynomial Exponent Rules Notes 2.1 - Polynomials and Functions
3	Jan 27 - 31	Study Skills - How to Read and Use Class Material Notes 2.2 - Linear Equations without Fractions Notes 2.3 - Linear Equations with Fractions Notes 2.4 - Linear Inequalities
4	Feb 3 - 7	Study Skills - Preparing for a Math Test Notes 3.1 - Factoring - GCF, Grouping, and Trinomials Notes 3.2 - Factoring - Trinomials and Special Products Notes 3.3/3.4 - Summary of Factoring and Rational Expressions
5	Feb 10 - 14	Study Skills - Note-taking for Math Notes 3.5 - Rational Equations and Inequalities Exam 1 - Units 2 and 3 - Thursday, Feb 13 - 6:00 pm Notes 4.1 - Roots and Complex Numbers
6	Feb 17 - 21	Study Skills - Math Test-Taking Strategies Notes 4.2 - Simplifying Radical Expressions Notes 4.3 - Rational Exponents and Radical Equations Notes 4.4 - Quadratic Equations - Factoring and Quadratic Formula
7	Feb 24 - 28	Study Skills - After Math Test Behavior Notes 4.5 - Quadratic Equations - Square Root Property and Completing the Square Notes 4.6 - Solving Polynomial Equations and Inequalities Notes 5.1 - Basics of Functions
8	Mar 3 - 7	Study Skills - Time Management Notes 5.2 - Evaluating Functions; Piecewise Functions Notes 5.3 - Domain of a Function; Composition of Functions Notes 5.4 - Inverse Functions
9	Mar 10 - 14	Study Skills - Overcoming Anxiety Exam 2 - Units 4 and 5 - Tuesday, March 11 - 6:00 pm Notes 6.1 - Analyzing Graphs Notes 6.2 - Symmetry; Odd and Even Functions; Increasing, Decreasing, and Constant Functions
10	Mar 17 - 21	Spring Break
11	Mar 24 - 28	Study Skills - Using Available Resources Notes 6.3 - Transformations of Functions Notes 7.1 - Slope; Graphing Linear Equations; inverse functions Notes 7.2 - Graphing Quadratic Functions
12	Mar 31 - Apr 4	Study Skills - Improving Memory Notes 7.3 - Graphing Polynomial Functions Notes 7.4 - Graphing Rational Functions
13	Apr 7 - 11	Study Skills - Preparing for a Math Final Exam Exam 3 - Units 6 and 7 - Tuesday, April 8 - 6:00 pm Notes 8.1 - Evaluating Exponential Functions
14	Apr 14 - 18	Notes 8.2 - Evaluating Log Expressions Notes 8.3 - Solving Exponential Equations Notes 8.4 - Solving Log Equations
15	Apr 21 - 25	Notes 9.1 - Systems of Equations in Two Variables Notes 9.2 - System of Equations in Three Variables using Addition Method Notes 9.3 - Systems of Equations in Three Variables using Matrices
16	Apr 28 - May 2	Notes 9.4 - Systems of Equations in Three Variables using Cramer's Rule Exam 4 - Units 8 and 9 - Thursday, May 1 - 6:00 pm
17	May 5 - 9	Final Project - Tuesday, May 6 - 6:00 pm