

**South Plains College**  
**Common Course Syllabus: MATH 1332**  
**Revised August 2020**

**Department:** Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

**Discipline:** Mathematics

**Course Number:** MATH 1332

**Course Title:** Contemporary Mathematics

**Available Formats:** conventional/flex and internet

**Campuses:** Levelland, Reese, 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 TSIA, TSI-exempt status, or a successful completion with a grade of 'C' or better in MATH 0337.

**Credit:** 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

**Textbook:** *Mathematical Ideas*, Miller, Heeren, and Hornsby, 2019, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 [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 cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@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.

# Proctorio Syllabi Description - US Higher Education

## Proctorio is a Learning Integrity Platform

This course will use Proctorio, a remote proctoring solution designed to protect the integrity of this course's assessments.

## Equity and Fairness

The reason I've chosen Proctorio for this course is to make education more equal, by giving each student an opportunity to earn the grades they deserve. The US Federal Government also requires that all schools have a process in place for verifying student identity to protect against Federal Student Aid (FSA) fraud.

## Privacy

Proctorio is a trusted platform for remote proctoring because of its commitment to student privacy. Proctorio uses single sign-on through our LMS and only I or approved individuals, here at our institution, will have access to your exam data. Proctorio never requires personally identifiable information from students and Proctorio will never sell your data to third parties. Read more about [Proctorio's approach to privacy](#).

## Security

Proctorio only runs as an extension in your browser. This means that Proctorio works within a sandbox and has limited access to your computer system unlike traditionally installed software applications that have complete access to your computer's hard drive, or other resources.

Proctorio only runs while you are taking your exam. After your exam ends, you may uninstall the extension by right-clicking on it, to bring you peace of mind. Just remember, you'll need to reinstall the extension again before starting your next exam.

All student data is kept safe using zero-knowledge encryption, meaning student data is scrambled and unreadable by anyone outside of our institution's learning platform. Even Proctorio cannot see your exam data. Read more about [Proctorio security](#).

## Getting Started

Before getting started on your first exam, make sure to follow the instructions in [Proctorio's Quick Start Test Taker Guide](#) for the extension. To verify your computer system meets the requirements, take the practice quiz. This will ensure that everything will run smoothly on the day of the exam.

If after reading the Quick Start Test Taker Guide if you have any trouble while using Proctorio, you can reach out to Proctorio support for troubleshooting. Proctorio support is available 24/7 and can assist in troubleshooting any extension related issues before, during and after your exam. You can contact Proctorio support via email at [support@proctorio.com](mailto:support@proctorio.com) or by starting a live chat by clicking the Proctorio extension's shield icon.

## COURSE SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR MATH 1332.151

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**Office:** Reese Center, Building 2 Rm 223B Phone: (806)716-2797 (leave a message)

### Office Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:20 – 10:50 AM Virtual	10:30 AM-12:15 PM Virtual	10:20 – 10:50 AM	10:30 – 12:15 PM	9:00 – 10:30 AM Virtual
2:50 – 3:20 PM	2:50 – 3:20 PM	2:50 – 3:20 PM Virtual	2:50 – 3:20 PM	

I will be glad to help you. Virtual office hour locations will be posted on the Office Hours tab on our Blackboard course. For all other office hours, stop by my office at Reese and let me know you would like to work with me. We will probably move to Rm 227. Please email or use the Calendly widget in Blackboard to make an appointment at a time other than those listed above. You may also consider sending pictures of your work by email if you would like for me to help you find an error.

**Class Structure:** This course is a flex course. All instructional material is on Blackboard. Each unit in Blackboard has assignments followed by notes with video links to teach the material. You are expected to watch the videos and fill in the notes before you come to class each week. You will meet for class once or twice a week depending on enrollment. Currently, the enrollment is low enough that we will all be meeting twice a week. During class, you will have time to ask questions and do lab work/quizzes. I will give you feedback during class so you can make corrections. If you are unable to attend class for any reason, the lab work/quizzes can be done online but you will not receive feedback for making corrections. At least one quiz will be given online to prepare for taking exams using Proctorio.

**Class Attendance:** If the class reaches enrollment that exceeds the room capacity with social distancing, you will receive an email from SignUpGenius where you must choose which day of the week you will attend class. If you do not respond, a day will be chosen for you. You will attend on the chosen day of the week only from that point through the end of the semester unless otherwise notified.

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

### Assignments & Grading:

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

**Homework:** Assignments will be made each class day except on exam days. Most assignments are from the textbook. You will need to purchase or rent either the physical textbook or the e-book. If the assignment is not from the book, a file will be uploaded on the assignment tab. Work all problems on notebook paper.

**Work must be shown to receive credit.** Many of the answers are in the back of the book so your job is to show me that you understand why that is the answer. I will grade homework 2 pts for accuracy and 3 pts for completion. I will choose about 10 problems to grade to determine how well you understood the assignment. If these are correct, you will receive 2 pts. If the assignment is complete with all work shown, you will receive an additional 3 pts. Plan to complete the assignments at least one day before they are due. This will allow time to ask questions before you must turn them in. There is no excuse for skipping problems. Some of the problems are designed to apply the knowledge that you have learned and develop your critical thinking skills. Don't skip these problems just because they are hard, but use them as an opportunity to grow in knowledge and ability to apply concepts and to better prepare for exams.

Assignments will be due at 11:59 PM on Friday of the week we will discuss the assignment in class. The date that we will discuss the assignment in class is listed on the Tentative Course Outline.

You will need to submit your homework as a pdf uploaded to the assignment in Blackboard. Try one of the following options before class begins on Monday so you are prepared to turn in your first assignment on Friday August 28th.

Possible options for making a pdf:

**OneDrive:** All students have a free OneDrive account with their Office365 account. There is a free OneDrive app that will make a pdf of your work with your phone or tablet and will sync with your OneDrive account. This is one video I found that may help you with this.

<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/scan-a-whiteboard-document-business-card-or-photo-in-onedrive-for-ios-7b5425d5-754f-4201-b88f-13fc765d7d3a>

**CamScanner:** This is also a good option. The video explains how to use the scanner. Many people are already using this one. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pc7dkXaer2s>

**Scannable:** This is another option. You may use any tool you like to make a pdf but this one seems user friendly. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoAYGhtbdkI>

Notes: Class notes will be provided on Blackboard. These will have video links for you to watch and fill in the examples and details. Begin with the video links in the notes. If you need more information, there are also PowerPoint presentations from the publisher on Blackboard that have been altered to fit our course. You may also wish to watch videos from Kahn Academy. They have good videos that cover all math topics. The textbook also has good examples. Study the material before you begin the homework. While you are working the homework, check the answers in the back of the book to make sure you are understanding the problems. If you miss a problem, go back and see what you did wrong. If you are still struggling with a problem, seek help. Begin with me. I will be glad to help you. If you are still needing more clarification, schedule a tutoring appointment with one of our SPC tutors or through tutor.com.

Exams: You may use a scientific calculator on the exams but calculators on cell phones will not be permitted. The use of any websites or apps during exams is considered cheating and may result in a zero on the exam. No one should be in the room with you while taking an exam. The presence of another person may be considered cheating and may result in a zero on the exam. We will be using Proctorio through Blackboard to securely proctor online exams. You must be able to show your work space while taking the exams. Some exams may be given during class time. There will be 5 exams.

Online exam guidelines:

1. Print the template provided for the exam.
2. Sign on to Blackboard and navigate to the exam.
3. Proctorio will have you perform some checks on your computer and show your ID.
4. Before beginning the exam, hold the formula sheet (front and back) up to the camera.
5. Show your work space. Your hands and paper should be visible on the video throughout the exam.
6. Show your cell phone. It should also be visible throughout the exam but should not be touched until the end.
7. Show all work in the space provided on the template.
8. When you have completed the exam, use your cell phone to make pdf's of your work. Do this while the timer is still running and the camera is showing you making the pdf's.
9. Email your work to [pcormier@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:pcormier@southplainscollege.edu)
10. Click submit on the exam.

Projects: 5 projects will be assigned that use information from the course to complete. They are designed to help you see further application for the topics we are studying in this course and to see ways you can use the math that you are learning in your lives and careers.

### Determining Grades:

Daily work (homework assignments: 5 points each)	120
Projects (5 projects: 20 pts for Project 2, 25 pts for Projects 1, 3 - 5)	120
Quizzes (4 quizzes)	100
Exam 1	125
Exam 2	125
Exam 3	125
Exam 4	125
Exam 5	<u>175</u>
Total possible points	1015

Your final grade in the course will be based on your total accumulated points.

Grade	Total points
A	900 and above
B	800 – 899
C	700 - 799
D	600 – 699
F	599 and below

### **Supplies:**

- Textbook in your favorite format. (The ebook may be the most inexpensive option and can be rented for less.)
- scientific calculator (The TI-30X is a good and inexpensive option.) You may not use your cell phone calculator on exams.
- Computer
- Printer
- Webcam (Most laptops already have one. If you do not have one, you will need one before the first quiz. We will be using Proctorio to proctor exams. This extension requires a webcam.)
- Reliable internet
- Cell phone that you can use to make a pdf.
- Mask that you can use to cover your nose and mouth every time you come to campus.

**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 user name and password should be the same as the Texan Connect and SPC email.

Free tutoring is available through the college. It will be appointment based, one-on-one online tutoring. Tutor.com will also be available for overnight and weekend tutoring. The Course Information tab on Blackboard contains information about tutoring including how to make an appointment. If you need help, there are many options.

### **Your weekly course activities**

View the notes for the assigned sections on Blackboard.

Watch the videos while taking notes

Work the homework for that lesson

Check your answers

Mark any that you had trouble with

Ask questions

Complete your homework

All assignments will be due by Friday 11:59 PM of the week the assignment is discussed in class.