

**South Plains College, Plainview, TX – Mathematics Department**  
**Syllabus – College Algebra – MATH 1314 Sections 503 & 350**

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**Office Hours in Plainview, TX:**

T/H 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM; 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

F 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

**Course Description:** College Algebra (MATH 1314) is the study and application of common algebraic functions, including polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and rational problems are addressed. Matrices and systems of equations & inequalities are also addressed. Credits (3,3,1)

Prerequisite:

TSIA1: Score 350 or above // TSIA2: Score 950 or above -or- Diagnostic 6

**Textbook:** Abramson, J.; *College Algebra 2e*; OpenStax.org; Rice University; Houston, TX; Digital Version  
ISBN-13: 978-1-951693-41-1, 2021.

**Attendance:** 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. As a Face-to-Face course, the student should attend at least 75% of the course in the classroom. Should absences exceed 25%, the instructor has the right to drop the student with a grade of F or an X, depending on the instructor's discretion. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

**Student Learning Outcomes/Competencies\*:**

Upon completion of MATH 1314 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.
6. Solve inequalities.

**Course Objectives:** Successful completion of this course should reflect mastery of the preceding competencies.

**Core Objectives:**

*Communication Skills:* Effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.

*Critical Thinking:* Creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.

*Empirical and Quantitative Competency Skills:* The manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

**Assignments & Grading:** Homework assignments will be made at each class meeting. Please make certain all materials accompany you to each class meeting. Daily work (homework) will count for 65%, Midterm

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Exam for 15%, and the Final Exam will count for 20% of the Final Grade. Your final average in the course will determine the letter grade posted on your transcript.

Grade is determined by the following scale: A (90-100%), B (80-89%), C (70-79%), D (60-69%), F (0-59%).

Note:

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.
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.

**Supplementary Course Information:** Blackboard is the online course management system that will be utilized for this course. This course syllabus, as well as any class handouts can be accessed through Blackboard. Login at <http://spc.blackboard.com>. The user name and password should be the same as the MySPC and SPC email.

User name: first initial, last name, and last 4 digits of the Student ID

Password: Original CampusConnect Pin No. (found on SPC acceptance letter)

**Supplies:** something to write with, notebook paper, graph paper, and a 3-ring binder.

**Student Conduct:** The "Student Code of Conduct" will be followed in this course. You are expected to be respectful to others in the classroom. Please SILENCE phones before entering class and assist in maintaining a classroom environment conducive to learning. Any student disrupting the learning environment will be asked to leave and may be dropped from the course.

**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:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request ADA Sec. 504 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.

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For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office in the Student Health & Wellness Office, 806-716-2577, or at the Plainview, TX Campus main office, 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.

**COVID-19:** It is the policy of South Plains College that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. There will be no requirement for face coverings at any location on any South Plains College campus or classroom. Faculty, staff, or students may continue to wear a mask voluntarily, but there will be no requirements for face coverings in any circumstance. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or get tested for COVID-19:

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell
- If you test Positive (+) for Covid-19
  - Five days isolation
  - You may return if:
    - No fever in last 24 hrs.
    - Covid symptoms are improving. *(Some may persist, ie. Loss of taste)*

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376.

**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.

**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, please refer to the SPC policy at: ([http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\\_resources/policy\\_procedure/hhc.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php)).

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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 911.

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Week 01: 8/25 – 8/29.

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|--------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2.2 Linear Equations in One Variable       | odds 1 – 53.  |
| 2.3 Models and Applications                | odds 1 – 53.  |
| 2.7 Linear and Absolute Value Inequalities | evens 6 – 52. |

Week 02: (9/1 Labor Day) 9/2 – 9/5.

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| 4.1 Linear Functions               | odds 1 – 87. |
| 4.2 Modeling with Linear Functions | ALL 5 – 18.  |

Week 03: 9/8 – 9/12.

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| 3.1 Functions and Function Notation        | odds 7 – 61.  |
| 3.2 Domain and Range                       | evens 6 – 36. |
| 3.3 Rates of Change and Behavior of Graphs | odds 1 – 31.  |

Week 04: 9/15 – 9/19.

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| 3.4 Composition of Functions    | odds 1 – 41. |
| 3.5 Transformation of Functions | odds 1 – 29. |
| 3.7 Inverse Functions           | odds 1 – 21. |

Week 05: 9/22 – 9/26.

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| 7.1 Systems of Linear Equations: Two Variables      | odds 1 – 45.           |
| 7.2 Systems of Linear Equations: Three Variables    | odds 1 – 37.           |
| 7.3 Systems of Nonlinear Equations and Inequalities | only 7, 9, 25, 27, 41. |

Week 06: 9/29 – 10/3.

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| 7.5 Matrices and Matrix Operations          | odds 1 – 53. |
| 7.7 Solve Systems of Equations (Technology) | odds 7 – 41. |
| 7.8 Solving Systems with Cramer's Rule      | odds 1 – 43. |

Week 07: 10/6 – 10/10.

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| 1.3                       |              |
| 1.5 Factoring Polynomials | odds 1 – 43. |

Week 08: 10/13 – 10/16 (10/17 Fall Break).

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| 2.4 Complex Numbers     | odds 1 – 43. |
| 2.5 Quadratic Equations | odds 1 – 41. |
| 5.1 Quadratic Functions | odds 1 – 39. |

Week 09: 10/20 – 10/24.

Midterm Exam

Week 10: 10/27 – 10/31.

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| 5.2 Power Functions and Polynomial Functions | odds 1 – 45. |
| 5.3 Graphs of Polynomial Functions           | odds 1 – 51. |

Week 11: 11/3 – 11/7.

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| 5.4 Dividing Polynomials          | odds 1 – 53. |
| 5.5 Zeros of Polynomial Functions | odds 1 – 55. |

Week 12: 11/10 – 11/14.

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| 5.6 Rational Functions             | odds 1 – 53. |
| 5.7 Inverses and Radical Functions | odds 1 – 49. |

Week 13: 11/17 – 11/21, 11/24 – 11/25.

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| 6.1 Exponential Functions           | odds 1 – 49. |
| 6.2 Graphs of Exponential Functions | odds 1 – 45. |
| 6.3 Logarithmic Functions           | odds 1 – 63. |
| 6.4 Graphs of Logarithmic Functions | odds 1 – 55. |

Thanksgiving Break 11/26 – 11/28.

Week 14: 12/1 – 12/5.

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| 6.5 Logarithmic Properties                | odds 1 – 37. |
| 6.6 Exponential and Logarithmic Equations | odds 1 – 63. |
| 6.7 Exponential and Logarithmic Models    | odds 1 – 21. |

Review (Also, Review of equations of parabola and circles using the Complete the Square Method, By Mr. J)

Week 15: 12/8 – 12/11.

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| Final Exam Week | (Final Exam Day TBD) |
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