

Math 1325.601TR Syllabus
Mathematics for Business, Economics, Life and Social Sciences
Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am – 12:45pm
Spring 2026 Room – B031

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Office Hours: Mon/Wed	1pm – 2pm
Tues/Thurs	1pm – 3pm
Fri	9am – 11am
(or by appointment)	

Course Structure

- Live in-person lectures with video support online
 - Daily lectures will be done in class with the notes outline provided on Blackboard.
 - Students are to print the notes **before** coming to class.
 - Assessments, such as quizzes and exams, will all be done in class.
 - All students are expected to be physically in class unless given explicit permission to be virtual.

Textbook

- No book for this section.

Course Requirements/Materials

- Attend all classes with notes and homework done.
- All graded assessments assigned in class are expected to be completed in the allotted class time, unless otherwise instructed by the professor.
- Reliable internet access
- Printer (for notes), but notes can be done electronically (tablet/iPad) if they are written by hand.
- Smart phone and/or scanner to turn a written document into a PDF file.
- Solid work ethic and character.

Grading: Assignments 20%
 Tests (4 total) 60%
 Final Exam 20%

Grading Scale:	A 90-100
B 80-89	
C 70-79	
D 60-69	
F 59 or below	

****Note: Students must justify answers or show work on all problems to receive full credit.*

Class Notes

- Found on Blackboard under Course Content.
- Should be completed by each student (hand-written) in class during the daily lectures.
- Bring all notes to class each day (2-3 inch binder recommended)
- Most notes done in class will be saved on OneNote, a link of which is in the Course Resources folder on Blackboard.

Assignments Grade

- Any labs or quizzes will fall in this category.
- If notes are assigned to be completed using lecture videos provided on Blackboard, they will be graded in this category.

Homework

- Written assignments
- Not graded nor submitted, but the only way to succeed in this course is to do every homework problem on every assignment.
- All work should be shown on your own paper.
- Problems should be in proper order on paper.
- Must use pencil.
- Must be done by hand (no typing).
- Show all work!!
- Must be your own work!
- Answers found on Blackboard.
- Using PhotoMath (or similar) is strictly prohibited and will result in academic dishonesty reports being submitted to your permanent record.
- Using ChatGPT on any assignment in this class is strictly prohibited.

Homework Quizzes (Assignments Grades)

- Could be daily or weekly
- Can use your hand-worked homework on the homework quizzes. No notes may be used. Any homework used must be on physical paper. No digital homework can be used on the quizzes.
- Quizzes must be completed in the allotted time in class.
- No make-up quizzes are available.
 - If you miss class on a quiz day, then you miss the quiz and will get a 0.
 - Up to 3 quiz grades will be dropped at the end of the term.

Tests

- 4 midterm exams and 1 final exam
- A 3"x5" hand-written notecard can be used on the exams. Double-sided is okay.
- Complete in the allotted class time
- No exam grades will be dropped.
- It is in your best interest to save ALL graded documents until your final grade is assigned at the end of the term.
- Exams may be comprehensive.
- No make-up exams will be given.
 - In the event you miss a test, your final exam grade can replace up to one missed test grade.
- Test corrections are for your own benefit and will not be graded.

Final Exam

- The final exam is comprehensive.
- Any student who does not take the final exam will fail the classes with F's regardless of the student's average.
- No make-up final exam will be offered.
- A 3"x5" hand-written notecard is allowed, but you will not be getting it back after the exam.
- More details will be shared on Blackboard near the end of the term.

Late work

- Definition: work that was assigned but not turned in on time.
 - Ex: notes were to be completed using the lecture videos and uploaded to Gradescope, but student did not upload the notes by the due date.
- Late work is not accepted.
- If you do not turn in an assignment on time, you will receive a zero.

Make-up

- Definition: work that is done by students after the class has already completed the assignment.
 - Ex: Student misses a quiz in class because they were late or absent from class.
- Make-up work is given at the discretion of the instructor.
- NO make-up labs or tests are given without prior notification AND proper documentation.
- If you are absent from class on an exam day, have given prior notification and proper documentation of your absence, you MUST plan to take the exam BEFORE the next class period or the end of the week, whichever occurs first.
- If proper documentation and/or prior notification was not provided for your absence, and/or if you have not planned (prior to the missed class) with the professor to take the missed assignment, then you will receive a 0 for that assignment.
 - Some number of grades might be dropped at the end of the term depending on how many grades in each category there are by the end of the term.
 - No test grades are dropped.
- Any make-up assignments that are permitted by the professor must be done within 24 hours of the missed assignment.

Attendance Policy

- No more than 6 classes can be missed.
 - Students may be administratively dropped from the class for missing over 6 classes for any reason.
- Students must not miss too many assignments! Missing more than 20% of the assignments in the term can result in an administrative drop from the course.
- Unless given specific permission, students are expected to be in the classroom and on time for class each class day.
- There are no excused absences, even with a doctor's note.
- Tardy
 - More than 10 minutes late
 - Leaving early
- Any student who arrives more than 45 minutes late or leaves more than 45 minutes early without instructor's permission will be counted absent that day.
- Any student who falls asleep during class or who leaves class for an extended period of time, as determined by the instructor, will be counted "tardy" that day.
- **Every 3 tardies count as 1 absence.**
- Transportation issues? Call an Uber, get a bus pass (Route 5 drops off just one block from the Downtown Center campus – Broadway and Ave Q – and starts at 7:50am and runs until 8:45pm), call a taxi (West Texas Cab Company (806) 559-9900), or ask a friend for a ride.

Submitting Documents Online (Gradescope)

- Download the Gradescope app onto your smart phone.
 - Log-in with your SPC credentials, just like you log into Blackboard.

In the event of "life" preventing you from attending class:

1. Email the professor ASAP to inform her of your situation. Provide documentation, if applicable.
2. Plan to attend class virtually via Blackboard Collaborate (permission required).
 - This will count for your attendance that day.
3. If you are absent or a virtual student on a quiz/test day, you forfeit the opportunity to take the quiz/exam.
4. If students are not able to attend class virtually and/or are not granted permission to be a virtual student that day, then that missed class will count as an absence regardless of the reason.
5. Students are expected to make every effort to attend class each day.

Academic Integrity

- Any student involved in cheating will receive a zero on the assignment(s) and will be informed of why he/she received a zero.
- Student may be administratively dropped from the class and will receive an X or F.

Calculators

- This course is taught under the assumption that each student owns a graphing calculator.
- I recommend a TI 84 series calculator.
- TI-Nspires are NOT recommended unless you are an expert at using them, as the instructor will be of little help.

Class Rules:

- Be on time and ready to learn.
- Use only pencil for all assignments.
- Have the notes completed **prior** to coming to class.
- Students are not permitted to use electronic devices, other than a calculator, in class. **Put the cell phones away!! Close the laptops unless you are using them to take notes.**
- During testing, all cell phones should be placed on SILENT or turned off, and all smart watches need to be removed and placed on the floor face-down to the left of your seat.
- Any student who leaves the classroom for any reason (bathroom, phone call, etc.) during an exam will not be allowed to continue the exam upon their return. Once you leave the classroom during an exam, you are done.
- Adhere to the requirements of the Student Code of Conduct.

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: MATH 1325
Revised December 2022

Department: Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

Discipline: Mathematics

Course Number: MATH 1325

Course Title: Calculus for Business and Social Sciences

Available Formats: conventional, hybrid, and internet

Campuses: Levelland, Downtown Center, and Dual Credit

Course Description: This course is the basic study of limits and continuity, differentiation, optimization and graphing, and integration of elementary functions, with emphasis on applications in business, economics, and social sciences. This course is not a substitute for MATH 2313 or 2413, Calculus I.

Prerequisite: Successful completion with a grade of 'C' or better in MATH 1324 or MATH 1314.

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

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 calculus to solve business, economics, and social sciences problems.
2. Apply appropriate differentiation techniques to obtain derivatives of various functions, including logarithmic and exponential functions.
3. Solve application problems involving implicit differentiation and related rates.
4. Solve optimization problems with emphasis on business and social sciences applications.
5. Determine appropriate technique(s) of integration.
6. Integrate functions using the method of integration by parts or substitution, as appropriate.
7. Solve business, economics, and social sciences applications problems using integration techniques.

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 can not receive an X, the instructor will assign an F.

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.

Tentative Calendar for Math 1325.601 Spring 2026				
Week	Day	Date	Topics	Homework
1	Tuesday	Jan 13	Syllabus/Introduction/Algebra Review	R.1 & R.2
	Thursday	Jan 15	Algebra Review	R.3
2	Tuesday	Jan 20	Limits	1.1
	Thursday	Jan 22	Limits	1.1
3	Tuesday	Jan 27	Continuity	1.2
	Thursday	Jan 29	Rates of Change	1.3
4	Tuesday	Feb 3	Tangent Lines & Derivatives	1.4
	Thursday	Feb 5	Review	
5	Tuesday	Feb 10	Exam 1	Unit 1
	Thursday	Feb 12	Basic Derivative Rules	2.1
6	Tuesday	Feb 17	The Chain Rule	2.2
	Thursday	Feb 19	Derivatives of Exponential & Logarithmic Functions	2.3
7	Tuesday	Feb 24	Product & Quotient Derivative Rules	2.4
	Thursday	Feb 26	Price Elasticity of Demand	2.5
8	Tuesday	Mar 3	Exam 2	Unit 2
	Thursday	Mar 5	Local Extrema & First Derivative Test	3.1
9	Tuesday	Mar 10	The Second Derivative & The Second Derivative Test	3.2
	Thursday	Mar 12	The Second Derivative & The Second Derivative Test	3.2
		Mar 17 - 21	Spring Break	
10	Tuesday	Mar 24	Absolute Extrema & Optimization	3.3
	Thursday	Mar 26	Implicit Differentiation	3.4
11	Tuesday	Mar 31	Related Rates	3.5
	Thursday	Apr 2	Exam 3	Unit 3
12	Tuesday	Apr 7	Antiderivatives	4.1
	Thursday	Apr 9	Integration by Substitution	4.2
13	Tuesday	Apr 14	Integration by Parts	4.3
	Thursday	Apr 16	Area and the Definite Integral, FTOC, Avg Value	4.4
14	Tuesday	Apr 21	Applications of Integrals	4.5
	Thursday	Apr 23	Review	
15	Tuesday	Apr 28	Exam 4	Unit 4
	Thursday	Apr 30	Final Exam Review	
16	Tuesday	May 5	Final Exam – 10:15am – 12:15pm	Comprehensive
	Thursday	May 7	No class. Have a great summer!!	

Last Day to Drop a Class – April 30th