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Important Dates

First Day of Class
Monday, 6 July 2026

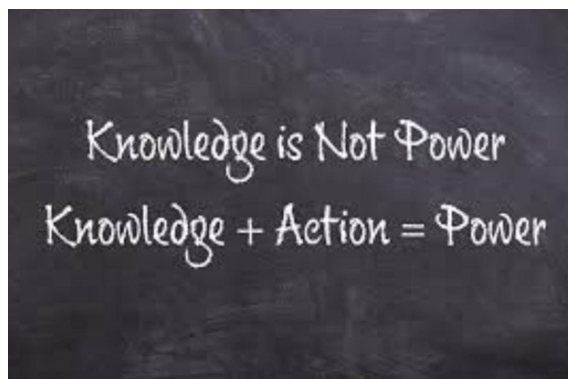
Last Day to Drop
Thursday, 30 July 2026

Final Exam
Thursday, 6 August 2026

College Algebra

MATH-1314-151

Summer 2 2026



Welcome to College Algebra

This is an online course that lets us study on our own schedule.

Are you ready to build a strong foundation in essential algebraic concepts, problem-solving, and understanding relationships skills that you'll need for future math courses, particularly calculus, and for many quantitative reasoning fields?

Student Help Sessions (A.K.A. Office Hours)

Virtual ([Blackboard Collaborate](#)) link is also found in Blackboard Course:

Monday: 7:30 pm CDT - 8:30 pm CDT

Tuesday: 7:30 pm CDT - 8:30 pm CDT

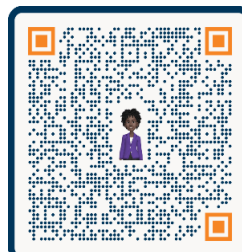
Wednesday: 7:30 pm CDT - 8:30 pm CDT

Thursday: 7:30 pm CDT - 8:30 pm CDT

or by appointment

(scan QR code or use the link to make an appointment)

[Schedule an appointment](#)



Course Learning Goals

At the end of the semester, we will be able to:

- Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, operations, compositions, and inverses.
- Recognize and apply polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and logarithmic functions and solve related equations.
- Apply graphing techniques.
- Evaluate all roots of higher-degree polynomials and rational functions.
- Recognize, solve, and apply systems of linear equations using matrices.

Course Objectives

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral, and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information
- **Empirical and quantitative competency skills**—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts, resulting in informed conclusions

Class Requirements

Our classroom is online. This means the lecture material is on Blackboard.

The due dates for assignments can be found on the document class calendar, the Blackboard calendar, and the assignments in Blackboard.

Each lecture has notes available to be printed and lecture videos covering the lecture notes. The lecture notes will be submitted and graded on completion.

Practice problems (homework problems) will not be collected for a grade because the amount of practice each person needs is individual to their learning style and mathematical history.

Our focus is on learning and mastery of the material.



Supplies

- **Writing Utensils**
Any pencil or pen that will write dark enough for an uploaded document to be read on a computer screen
- **8.5-inch by 11-inch paper or tablet**
Students can print off the lecture notes or use a tablet to download them and fill them out. If the tablet has the internet turned off during assessments, it can still be used to write assessment work.
- **Good Internet Connection and Technology**
A high-speed internet connection and a computer using macOS X 10.5 or higher, Windows Vista or higher, or ChromeOS.
- **Web camera, microphone, and speakers**
The computer accessories can be internal or external, but they must be in good working condition.
- **Non-Programmable Scientific Calculator (No Graphing Calculator)**
Graphing calculators will not be allowed during this class. The following calculators are recommended: TI-36X Pro or Casio fx-115 or equivalent.

Tips for Success

- Avoid distractions (cell phone, social media, games, television, or open tabs and windows on your device) when watching and working through lecture videos
- Actively engage with the videos and lecture notes, by pausing and working the questions out during the video, not passively watch the videos
- Use the resources (notes, extra videos on Blackboard, free tutoring through the college, each other, and myself) available to you
- Don't hesitate to ask for help and always communicate
- Be sure to complete the assigned work
- Read the feedback given to you on graded work to improve your skills
- Save all of your notes and work

Applications Used

Gradescope

We will use Gradescope this term, which allows us to provide fast and accurate feedback on your work. Graded assessments will be submitted through Gradescope, grades will be returned through Gradescope. As soon as grades are posted, you will be notified immediately so that you can log in and see your feedback. You may also submit regrade requests if you feel that there is a mistake in the grading.

You can use your phone's camera or another scanner to upload work to Gradescope. Download the Gradescope mobile app on the App Store or Google Play to use your phone's camera and follow the prompts. If you cannot scan your assignments for any reason, please get in touch with me to make alternative arrangements. All submissions to Gradescope must be clear, legible, and double-checked to ensure all answers are properly marked. You will receive an email confirmation once your assignment is successfully submitted; please retain this for your records.

Honorlock

Honorlock will proctor your graded assessments this semester. Honorlock is an online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from home. You do not need to create an account or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7, and all required is a computer, a working webcam/microphone, your ID, and a stable internet connection. You will need Google Chrome and download the Honorlock Chrome Extension to get started.

When you are ready to complete your assessment, log into your LMS, go to your course, and click on your exam. Clicking "Launch Proctoring" will begin the Honorlock authentication process, where you will take a picture of yourself and show your ID. You may be prompted to complete a room scan during the authentication steps. This is a test taker authentication step in which you will be asked to perform a 360-degree scan of your environment with the computer or webcam to confirm the integrity of the testing environment. Honorlock will be recording your exam session through your webcam and microphone and recording your screen. Honorlock also has an integrity algorithm that can detect search-engine use, so please do not attempt to search for answers, even if it's on a secondary device.

Honorlock support is available 24/7/365. You may contact them through live chat on the support page or within the exam itself if you encounter any issues.

Blackboard

We will use Blackboard this term, which is our Learning Management System (LMS). It will house all of the course materials, resources, and grades. The gradebook will automatically give a zero for any assignment not graded by the due date. Do not worry if you submitted your assignment, I will change the grade once the assignment is graded.

Download the Blackboard mobile app on the App Store or Google Play to have mobile access to Blackboard.

Assignment Weights

The 100-point system is used for grading, and 100 points will be the highest grade reported at the end of the semester. All assignments will add up to 100 points.

89.5 and above earns an A
79.5 - 89.49 earns a B
69.5 - 79.49 earns a C
59.5 - 69.49 earns a D
59.49 and below earns an F

- Mastery Assessments: 10 points
- Learning Reflections: 5 points
- Lecture Notes: 5 points
- Unit Exams: 60 points
- Final Exam: 20 points

To find the relative (percentage) grade, divide the total points by the possible points and multiply by 100.

Class Assignments

Mastery Assessments (Worth 2 points each)

Free-response assessment where you can use your notes. The purpose of the assignment is to give us a snapshot of the mastery of the course material for that week. Upload work on Gradescope. There will be five (5) assessments, with no extra credit. Any missed Mastery Assessment will not be allowed to be taken after the due date.

Learning Reflections (Worth 1.25 points each)

Answer questions on Blackboard weekly to reflect, review mistakes, and learn from them. The assignment will be graded by completion. There will be four (4) assignments, with no extra credit. Any Learning Reflection submitted after the due date will not be accepted.

Lecture Notes (Worth 1 point each)

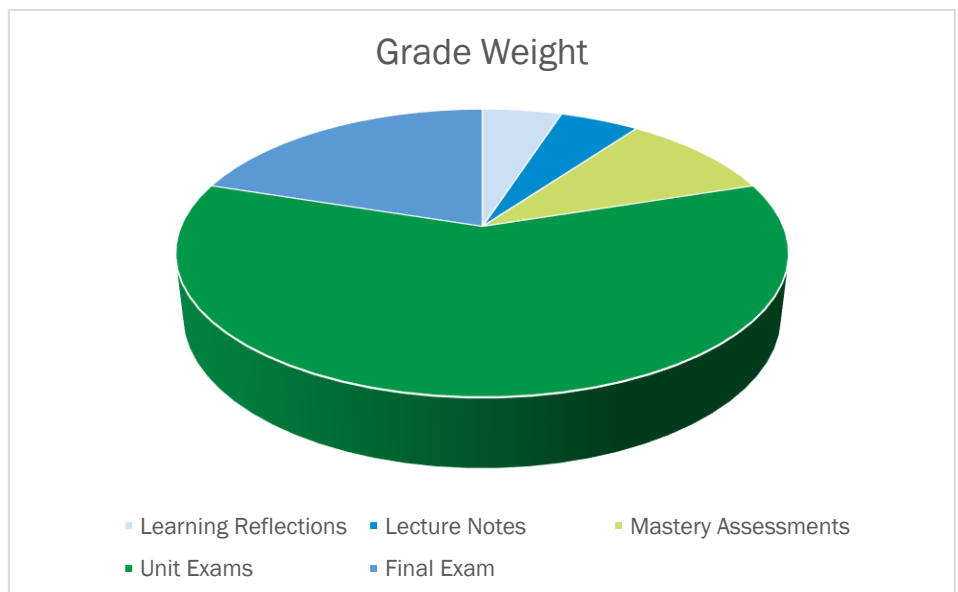
Each week has lecture notes available for printing, along with lecture videos that cover the notes. The lecture notes will be submitted on Blackboard and graded on completion. There will be five (5) note submissions, with no extra credit. Missed lecture notes will not be accepted after the due date.

Unit Exams (Worth 15 points each)

Free-response assessment where you cannot use your notes or practice problems. Any missed exam will not be allowed to be taken after the due date. The purpose of the assignment is to give us a snapshot of the mastery of the unit material at that time. Upload work on Gradescope. There will be four (4) exams with no extra-credit assignments.

Final Exam (Worth 20 points)

A comprehensive free response assessment that you cannot use your notes or practice problems. If you do not attempt the Final Exam, you will earn an F for the class even if enough points to pass have been earned. There will only be one assignment at the end of the semester.



Expectations of the Instructor

- Show up, as scheduled.
- Provide notice of any schedule changes.
- Keep Blackboard updated with grades and materials.
- Present the material in a way that most of the class can understand.
- Be available to those who need assistance outside of the classroom, by e-mail or in person, during office hours or scheduled appointment times.
- Maintain the course calendar and assignments.
- Uphold the policies of the college.
- Respect each student and provide the opportunity to discuss the material presented.
- Provide examinations based on the information discussed in the course material.

Participation Expectations

Accountability

If you miss an assignment or fall behind, all notes are on Blackboard for you to access. Late coursework is not accepted, nor will it be allowed to be taken or submitted after the due date.

Communication

Communication is key. If you have an emergency, please let me know by email or phone immediately. Letting me know the following day or later makes it difficult for me to discern and assess your situation. Therefore, this makes it harder to help and work with you.

Integrity

The focus of higher education is to foster learning and encourage critical thinking. While taking shortcuts to save time or earn a grade may seem like a good idea, the results are usually lower scores and the loss of the opportunity to learn the material. The consequences of being caught cheating could range from a zero on the assignment to being expelled from South Plains College and the action being recorded on your academic record.

Commitment

You are enrolled in a summer five-week course. This means you have five weeks to learn and master the same material in a fifteen-week semester. The summer moves three times faster than a long semester and there is less time to adjust or provide flexibility. Students need to be committed and able to invest time to complete the work.

Blackboard Messages and Email

Emails Should Include

- Your first and last name
- Your class name and section
- Your questions and/or comments in the body of the email (not subject line)

The Instructor Will

- Check their email regularly during weekdays before 7:30 pm
- Do their best to respond within 24 hours

The Instructor Will Not

- Always respond immediately on weekends or holidays
- Respond to parents or counselors. You are the student in an adult class and should communicate for yourself

Inspirational Quotes

The person who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; the one who does not ask a question remains a fool forever.

- Chinese Proverb

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

- Thomas Jefferson

Learning is never done without errors and defeat.

- Vladimir Lenin

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

- Thomas A. Edison

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.

- Stephen Hawking

Your talents and abilities will improve over time, but for that, you have to start.

- Martin Luther King, Jr

Student Resources

Class Resources

In our Blackboard course, there are many resources to help us succeed.

- Under Additional Resources are study tips, prerequisite math rules, graph paper, and online resources.

Free SPC Tutoring

South Plains College provides free tutoring to students. The most current schedule can be found on the [SPC Tutoring Website](#) or this QR Code.



SPC Policies

South Plains College policies concerning diversity, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, and Campus Concealed Carry Statements can be found here on the [SPC Policies Website](#) or this QR Code.



South Plains College policies, return to campus plan, and protocols regarding COVID-19 can be found here on the [SPC COVID-19 Policy Webpage](#).



Real Life Emergency Help

Sometimes life happens and we need help. This is the reason the South Plains College Health and Wellness Center has provided a list of emergency resources. This list includes, but is not limited to community food assistance, help paying bills, and other free or reduced cost programs. To find this list, please click on the *Emergency Resources* tab, and click the linked here. The site is found at [Health and Wellness Center](#) or this QR Code.



Summer 2 Algebra2026 MATH-1314 Tentative Calendar

Week	Day	Date	Topic	Lecture Notes Due	Mastery Assessment Due	Learning Reflections	Exam Due
0	Thu	2 Jul	- Class Introduction - Algebra Review	Not due this week	Not due this week	Not due this week	Sunday, 12 July at 11:30 pm
	Fri	3 Jul					
1	Mon	6 Jul	- Solving Linear Equations - Characteristics of Linear Functions - Systems of Linear Equations - Introduction to Matrices - Gauss-Jordan Elimination - Determinants and Cramer's Rule - Interval Notation - Solving Linear Inequalities in One Variable - Systems of Linear Inequalities in Two Variables	Thursday, 9 July at 11:30 pm	Thursday, 9 July at 11:30 pm	Not due this week	Sunday, 12 July at 11:30 pm
	Tue	7 Jul					
	Wed	8 Jul					
	Thu	9 Jul					
2	Mon	13 Jul	- Functions - Domain of Functions - Library of Functions - Transformations - The Binomial Theorem - Operations on Functions - Complex Numbers - Solving Quadratic Equations - Characteristics of Quadratic Functions - Distance Formula - Circles	Thursday, 16 July at 11:30 pm	Thursday, 16 July at 11:30 pm	Wednesday, 15 July at 11:30 pm	Sunday, 19 July at 11:30 pm
	Tue	14 Jul					
	Wed	15 Jul					
	Thu	16 Jul					

Week	Day	Date	Topic	Lecture Notes Due	Mastery Assessment Due	Learning Reflections	Exam Due
3	Mon	20 Jul	- Solving Polynomial Equations by Factoring - Dividing Polynomials - Zeros of Polynomial Functions	Thursday, 23 July at 11:30 pm	Thursday, 23 July at 11:30 pm	Wednesday, 22 July at 11:30 pm	Sunday, 26 July at 11:30 pm
	Tue	21 Jul	Characteristics of Polynomial Functions				
	Wed	22 Jul	Solving Rational Equations				
	Thu	23 Jul	- Characteristics of Rational Functions - Solving Polynomial and Rational Inequalities				
4	Mon	27 Jul	Composite Functions	Thursday, 30 July at 11:30 pm	Thursday, 30 July at 11:30 pm	Wednesday, 29 July at 11:30 pm	Sunday, 2 Aug at 11:30 pm
	Tue	28 Jul	- Inverse Functions - Characteristics of Exponential Functions				
	Wed	29 Jul					
	Thu	30 Jul	- Characteristics of Logarithmic Functions - Properties of Logarithmic Functions - Solving Exponential and Logarithmic Equations				
5	Mon	3 Aug	Solving Radical Equations	Wednesday, 5 Aug at 11:30 pm	Wednesday, 5 Aug at 11:30 pm	Wednesday, 5 Aug at 11:30 pm	Thursday, 6 Aug at 8:00 pm
	Tue	4 Aug	- Rates of Change - Piecewise Functions				
	Wed	5 Aug	- Solving Absolute Value Equations - Solving Absolute Value Inequalities - Systems of Non-Linear Equations - Systems of Non-Linear Inequalities - Partial Fractions				
	Thu	6 Aug	Final Exam				