MTH 143 Section 003 – Finite Mathematics – Fall 2017

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Additional times are available by appointment

Course description: MTH 143 covers mathematical functions and graphs, linear systems of equations, matrices, linear programming, mathematics of finance, and applications.

Core Objectives (CO):
1. Critical Thinking [CO 1]: to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. Communication Skills [CO 2]: to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills [CO 3]: to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

Student Learning Outcomes:
At the end of MTH 143, a student who has studied and learned the material should be able to:
1. Use linear functions and quadratic functions in business applications. [CO: 1,2,3]
2. Use matrices to solve systems of linear equations. [CO: 1,3]
3. Use matrices to solve linear programming problems. [CO: 1,3]
4. Use exponential functions and logarithmic functions and to solve equations using these functions. [CO: 1,2,3]
5. Solve simple interest and compound interest problems including annuities. [CO: 2,3]

This is a general education core curriculum course and no specific program learning outcomes for this major are addressed in this course.

Text and Materials:
The textbook is Finite Mathematics with Applications in the Management, Natural, and Social Sciences, 11th Edition, by Lial, Hungerford, Holcomb, and Mullins. Chapters 1 through 7 will be covered in this course.

Online homework will be required using My Math Lab at www.mymathlab.com. When you create your account, use the correct course ID: Section 003 (TR 8:00) neal12433

Fill-in-the-blank notes will be posted on d2l for each section that we cover. You are responsible for printing them and bringing them to class.

Calculators
You will need a scientific calculator for this class. Graphing calculators are not permitted. The calculator function of a cell phone will not be permitted during tests or quizzes.
The following is a tentative calendar for MTH 143 for this semester.

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<td>Final Exam – Thursday Dec. 14 – 8:00 – 10:00 am</td>
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### Course Requirements:

There will be three exams and a final exam. The final exam is comprehensive and mandatory. Your final exam grade can be used to replace one low or missing exam grade. **If you miss an exam and contact me by 4:00 pm that day, it may be possible to arrange a make-up exam.** Otherwise, your final exam grade will be substituted in place of the missing exam grade.

Please note that the dates for our in-class exams in the calendar above are subject to change. The final is university scheduled and cannot be taken at a different time without permission of the Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics.

### Attendance Policy:

Attendance is expected and recorded for all students. Attendance will not be formally factored into your course grade, however, missing in-class activities, quizzes, etc, could lower your daily average. Also, missing classes will significantly reduce the instruction you receive, and will therefore naturally decrease your semester grade.

You must make a commitment to attend every class, to arrive on time and to stay the entire time. Bring all necessary materials to each class, be attentive to the task at hand, take notes, and be prepared to participate in class discussions. You must make an additional commitment of doing work outside of class - one to two hours every day. Most importantly, ask for help when you need it.
Cell Phones:
Cell phones should never be used in class unless you have specific permission by me to use the calculator application on your phone. On test days your cell phone will be put in your bag or backpack and placed at the front of the room. If you do not have a bag or backpack, the phone will be placed on the desk. When you are finished with the test you may collect your bag, backpack, and/or phone, and leave. Anyone found in possession of a phone during a test is subject to all disciplinary procedures pertaining to cheating whether the phone was used or not.

Grading Policy for Math 143.003
Your final grade will be determined as follows:

20% Daily Average [CO: 1,2,3]  
60% Tests (3 @ 20% each) [CO: 1,2,3]  
20% Comprehensive Final Exam [CO: 1,2,3]  
100% Final Course Grade

SFA Grade Distribution:  
90% - 100% A  
80% - 90% B  
70% - 80% C  
60% - 70% D  
0% - 60% F

As you can see, 20% of your grade will be determined by your daily average. This will include worksheets, quizzes, My Math Lab, etc. **Worksheets, and quizzes cannot be made up. My Math Lab assignments will not be accepted late.** However, I will drop one or two of the daily grades at the end of the semester.

General Education Core Curriculum:
This course has been selected to be part of Stephen F. Austin State University’s core curriculum. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has identified six objectives for all core courses: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical and Quantitative Skills, Teamwork, Personal Responsibility, and Social Responsibility. SFA is committed to the improvement of its general education core curriculum by regular assessment of student performance on these six objectives.

Assessment of these objectives at SFA will be based on student work from all core curriculum courses. This student work will be collected in d2L through LiveText, the assessment management system selected by SFA to collect student work for core assessment. LiveText accounts will be provided to all students enrolled in core courses through the university technology fee. You will be required to register your LiveText account, and you will be notified how to register your account through your SFA e-mail account. If you forward your SFA e-mail to another account and do not receive an e-mail concerning LiveText registration, please be sure to check your junk mail folder and your spam filter for these e-mails. If you have questions about LiveText call Ext. 1267 or e-mail SFALiveText@sfasu.edu.

*No Core Objectives are being assessed this semester.*

Supplemental Instruction (SI):
SI sessions are still being finalized and will be announced in class.

Additional Help:
Free tutoring is available from the AARC. They offer one-on-one peer tutoring and the Math Walk-in Table. The hours for the Walk-in Table are 1pm to 8pm Monday through Thursday as well as 4pm to 8pm on Sundays. Sign-ups for one-on-one tutoring begin soon. It is a first-come, first-serve basis so you may want to register early. If you need help signing up, the AARC staff (first floor of library, right-hand side) will be happy to assist. You can find more information on the AARC website, www.sfasu.edu/aarc.
Acceptable Student Behavior:
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

Students with Disabilities:
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

Academic Integrity (A-9.1):
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism.
Cheating includes but is not limited to:
(1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class;
(2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or
(3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are:
(1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another;
(2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and
(3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54):
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average. The circumstances precipitating the request must have occurred after the last day in which a student could withdraw from a course. Students requesting a WH must be passing the course with a minimum projected grade of C.