Department of Mathematics and Statistics
MTH 1314—College Algebra (ITV), Section 005
Fall 2021

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Class meeting time and place: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 am-9:50 am via Zoom for lecture and in person for exams

Link to join live Zoom lecture: https://sfasu.zoom.us/j/99988116248?pwd=VHBBOVRjRm1SiFsOmE4ZVA3V1phUT09
Meeting ID: 999 8811 6248  Password: 1314

Attendance Policy: You must be zoomed in during our regular class time each class period for then entire class period. This is a live class and attendance will be recorded each class period.

Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays: 10:00 am – 10:50 am and 1 pm – 2:15 pm  Fridays: 10 am – 10:50 am
Office hours are held on Zoom. If you would like to meet in person, please email me.
Link to join office hours: https://sfasu.zoom.us/my/sullivanrk?pwd=ZXFJRkptR0ZOVFdTSkd0TFB6SThtdz09
Meeting ID: 526 704 8894  Password: 1342

Course Description: Topics include mathematical models; solving equations; creating, interpreting and graphing functions. Particular focus is given to polynomial, exponential and logarithmic functions. Prerequisites: two years of high school algebra and one year of high school geometry and TSI complete/exempt status in mathematics.

Text and Materials
- The required textbook for this course is Precalculus by Edward B. Burger. The textbook is available in both print and ebook versions online at https://students.flatworldknowledge.com/course/2597947
- You will need a scientific calculator for this class. I will be using the TI-30XS MultiView.

D2L: Course materials will be located on D2L. It is your responsibility to check D2L daily. You will use your MySFA username and password on the website www.D2L.sfasu.edu. You are responsible for everything that is posted on D2L for this course.

AARC Tutoring: The AARC (Academic Assistance and Resource Center) in the Steen Library has free help available! The AARC is also available through Zoom. Please go to the following website to get up to date information about getting help through the AARC: http://www.sfasu.edu/aarc/tutoring

Course Requirements
There will be three exams and a final exam. The exams are tentatively scheduled as follows:
- Exam 1 – Friday, September 17th
- Exam 2 – Friday, October 15th
- Exam 3 – Friday, November 12th
- Final Exam – Wednesday, December 8th from 8 am to 10 am

Please note that the dates for our first three in-class exams are subject to change. The final exam is university scheduled and cannot be taken at a different time without permission from the Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics. All four exams will happen in person. The room number for the exams will be announced on D2L. The first three exams will take place from 9 am to 9:50 am. The final exam will take place from 8 am to 10 am.

Grading Policy
Your final grade will be determined as follows:
- 20% Quizzes [CO: 1,2,3]  90% - 100%  A
- 60% Tests (3 @ 20% each) [CO: 1,2,3]  80% - 90%  B
- 20% Comprehensive Final Exam [CO: 1,2,3]  70% - 80%  C
- 100% Final Course Grade  60% - 70%  D

0% - 60%  F
Course Requirements

Exams
Exams will be given during your scheduled class time. You will come to a specified classroom to take each exam. There are no make-ups for missed exams. Department policy requires that you bring and be recognizable from either your SFASU Student ID or another valid photo ID before you are permitted to take each exam. The final exam is comprehensive and mandatory. You must have a complete understanding of the course material in order to pass the final exam.

Quizzes
Quizzes will be given on a regular basis and can be in any format the instructor chooses. There will be no make-up quizzes, but a low quiz grade will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Miscellaneous

- Homework problems will be suggested from our textbook.
- Email is the best way to get a hold of me outside of class and office hours. Please contact me through email instead of using my office phone number.
- If you ever email me during the school week and you do not get a reply within 24 hours, please resend the email because I did not receive it.

Use of Zoom Statement
This class will utilize the Zoom web-conferencing tool for virtual class meetings. All SFA faculty, students, and staff can access and use Zoom by via sfasu.zoom.us. Students are required to have a webcam in order to participate. Cell phone access is available with the Zoom mobile app. Zoom auto transcribes all recorded sessions. Transcription is automated, often includes errors, and thus should not be considered a wholly accurate record of the session. Should errors exist in a Zoom session transcript, please contact me immediately.

See [http://www3.sfasu.edu/math/docs/syllabi/MATH1342Syllabus.pdf](http://www3.sfasu.edu/math/docs/syllabi/MATH1342Syllabus.pdf) for elements common to all sections.
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Course description: Topics include mathematical models; solving equations; creating, interpreting and graphing functions. Particular focus is given to polynomial, exponential and logarithmic functions.

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

Credit hours: 3

The following is an excerpt from SFA Policy 5.4:
The federal definition of a credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates:

1. Not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time, or;
2. At least an equivalent amount of work as outlined in item 1 above for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

To this end, all students in courses offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics that wish to be successful should plan to spend a minimum of two hours outside of class for every credit hour associated with this course. Expected activities to be completed in the time outside of class include reviewing notes from previous class meetings, reading assigned course resources, completing all assigned exercises and projects, and performing periodic assessment preparation.

Course Prerequisites and Corequisites: See general course prerequisites.

General Education Core Curriculum: This course has been selected to be part of SFA’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, the assessment management system selected by SFA to collect student work for core assessment.

By enrolling in MATH 1314 College Algebra you are also enrolling in a Core Curriculum Course that fulfills the Mathematics Core Objective requirement.

The chart below indicates: (a) The core objectives that are required to be taught in this course per the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), (b) How the required core objectives will be addressed.
Core Curriculum Objective Table

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<th>How the Core Objective Will be Addressed.</th>
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<td>Critical Thinking Skills</td>
<td>To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.</td>
<td>In studying transformations of functions, students will evaluate graphs to determine the function rule.</td>
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<td>Communication Skills</td>
<td>To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas though written, oral, and visual communication.</td>
<td>Students will communicate algebraic thinking by writing solutions in both interval and function notation.</td>
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<td>Empirical and Quantitative Skills</td>
<td>To include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.</td>
<td>Students will be presented with information regarding exponential functions and will draw conclusions based on the information/data.</td>
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Course outline:

- Making Mathematical Models [CO 1, 2, 3] 5%
- Linear Equations, Functions and Models [CO 1, 2, 3] 20%
  - Review of Coordinate Geometry
  - Graphs of Equations
  - Lines and Linear Modeling
  - Systems of Equations
- Quadratic Equations, Functions and Models [CO 1, 2, 3] 20%
  - Graphs of Quadratic Equations
  - Techniques for Solving and Optimizing Quadratic Equations
  - Applications of Quadratic Functions
- Functions [CO 1, 2, 3] 20%
  - Graphs of Functions
  - Algebra of Functions
  - Inverses of Functions
  - Special Functions
  - Polynomial Functions
  - Division of Polynomials and Factorization
  - [Rational Functions]
- Exponential and Logarithmic Functions and Models [CO 1, 2, 3] 20%
  - Exponential Functions
  - Logarithmic Functions
  - Logarithmic Identities and Equations
  - Exponential Equations and Applications
  - Modeling with Exponential and Logarithmic Functions
- Solving Equations [CO 1, 2, 3] 10%
  - Field Properties: Associativity, Commutativity, Identity, Inverses, Distributivity
  - Review Rules for Exponents
o Incorporating Exponents and Logarithms in the Order of Operations

- Explicit instruction in Critical Thinking, Communication and Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning is in addition to implicit instruction, modeling and practice that occur daily in the discussion of college algebra. This explicit instruction includes explanation of solving mathematical problems by thinking critically, communicating logically ordered solutions with complete and correct notation, and applying empirical or quantitative skills as appropriate to the problem.

5%

Academic Integrity
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.

The penalty for a student found cheating on any part of an assignment, quiz, or exam in this class will range from a grade of zero on the work to a grade of F in the course, and may result in additional, more severe disciplinary measures. A student who allows another to copy his work and the student copying the work are both guilty of cheating. Do your own work. Do not show your completed work to others. Do not allow others to copy your work.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty (SFA policy 4.1):
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:
- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment;
- helping or attempting to help other student(s) in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
- submitting an assignment as one’s own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source;
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

Withheld Grades Semester Grades (SFA Policy 5.5)
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.

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.

SFASU Mental Health Statement: SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.
On-campus Resources:
SFASU Counseling Services
www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
3rd Floor Rusk Building
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
Human Services Room 202
936-468-1041

Crisis Resources:
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

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 10.4). 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.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO): At the end of MTH 138, a student who has studied and learned the material should be able to:
1. Employ independence of thought and innovation in order to obtain solutions to typical algebraic problems. [CO 1]
2. Create, manipulate, analyze and solve algebraic equations and expressions, especially linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, exponential and logarithmic expressions. [CO 1,3]
3. Connect graphical properties with those of associated functions or equations, and use these connections to communicate graphical or physical properties in algebraic language. [CO 2,3]
4. Read, interpret, and communicate written mathematics, both in prose and in its graphical or visual forms. [CO 2]
5. Use functions to model and solve real-world problems. [CO 1,3]

There are no specific program learning outcomes for this major addressed in this course. It is a general education core curriculum course and/or a service course.

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