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Course Description
Topics include quadratics, polynomial, rational, logarithmic and exponential functions, system of equations, and matrices and determinants.
A departmental final examination will be given in this course.

Prerequisites
Math 0312 or its equivalent or an acceptable placement test score.

Course Goal
This course is designed as a review of advanced topics in algebra for science and engineering students who plan to take the calculus sequence in preparation for their various degree programs. It is also intended for non-technical students who need college mathematics credits to fulfill requirements for graduation and prerequisites for other courses. It is generally transferable as math credit for non-science majors to other disciplines.

Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):
1. Solve algebraic equations and inequalities involving linear and nonlinear expressions.
2. Examine and interpret the graphs of circles, polynomial functions, rational functions, basic functions, and their transformations.
3. Apply the basic knowledge of a function in order to simplify functions, combine functions, and solve application problems involving linear and nonlinear functions.
4. Perform basic matrix operations.

Learning outcomes
Students will:
1.1 Solve Quadratic Equations in one variable by the method of factoring, square root property, completing the square and the quadratic formula.
1.2 Solve radical equations, fractional equations, and equations of quadratic form.
1.3 Solve linear inequalities and linear equations involving absolute value, state the solution in interval notation, and graph the solution.
1.4 Solve non-linear (quadratic and rational) inequalities, state the solution in interval notation, and graph the solution.
1.5 Solve exponential and logarithmic equations.
1.6 Solve systems of linear and nonlinear in two variables.
2.1 Find the distance and midpoint between two points in the Cartesian Plane.
2.2 Recognize the equation of a straight line, graph the equation of a straight line, find the slope and intercepts of a line, know the relationship between the slopes of parallel and perpendicular lines, and be able to determine the equation of a line.
2.3 Graph linear functions, quadratic functions, piecewise-defined functions, absolute value functions, polynomial functions, rational functions, exponential functions, and logarithmic functions.
2.4 Understand vertical and horizontal shifts, stretching, shrinking, and reflections of graphs of functions.
2.5 Recognize the equation of a circle, sketch the graph of a circle, and find the equation of a circle.
2.6 Determine the rational zeros of a polynomial.
3.1 Apply the definition of a function, determine the domain and range of a function, evaluate expressions involving functional notation, simplify expressions involving the algebra of functions, graph functions by plotting points, use the definition
3.2 Understand the inverse relationship between the exponential and logarithmic functions.
4.1 Perform operations with matrices
Core Objectives

**Critical Thinking Skills:** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

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

**Empirical and Quantitative Skills:** to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

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| **Unit I - Equations and Inequalities**  
(8 hours) | *Sections: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 2.1, 3.6*  
This unit includes graphs of equations, quadratic equations and applications, complex numbers, other types of equations, linear inequalities in one variable, and other types of inequalities. |

| **Unit II - Functions and Their Graphs**  
(10 hours) | *Sections: 2.2 → 2.8, 4.1*  
This unit includes linear equations in two variables, functions, analyzing graphs of functions, a library of Parent functions, transformations of functions, combinations of functions, composite functions and inverse functions. |

| **Unit III - Polynomial Functions**  
(6 hours) | *Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4*  
This chapter includes quadratic functions and models, polynomial functions of higher degree, synthetic division, and zeros of polynomial functions. |

| **Unit IV – Rational Functions and Conics**  
(2 hours) | *Section 3.5*  
This unit includes rational functions and asymptotes and graphs of rational functions. |

| **Unit V - Exponential and Logarithmic Functions**  
(6 hours) | *Sections: 4.2, → 4.5,*  
This unit includes exponential functions and their graphs, logarithmic functions and their graphs, properties of logarithm and exponential and logarithmic equations. |

| **Unit VI – Systems and Matrices**  
(4 hours) | *Sections: 5.1, 5.4, 6.3*  
6.5(exclude Cramer’s rule)  
This unit includes linear and nonlinear systems of equations, two variable linear systems, operations with matrices and the determinant of a square matrix. |
Resource Materials: Any student enrolled in MATH 1314 at HCCS has access to the various MATH labs in the system. The labs are staffed with MATHEMATICS faculty and student assistants, and offers tutorial help, video tapes and computer aided tutorial. Tutoring is also available online at http://hccs.askonline.net/

Required Material:

Connect Math

Connectmath.com
Your course code is: D3JRA-KKA4H

- Calculators: Calculators will not be used on graded course work and in particular all examinations

Pencils and Erasers – To be used on all exams

Assignments: The assignments for this course will consist of exams, quizzes, and homework. The due dates for all of your homework are available in Connect Math. Each time you login to complete an assignment, the due dates are available. To have success in this course, it is important that you complete each assignment in a timely manner. I will not extend the homework deadlines in this course. If you do not complete an assignment by the deadline, you will be given a grade of 0 for that assignment.

- Exams: There will be at least three exams given in the course.

Exam Rules:

1. Cell phones, computers, and ipads are not allowed while testing. If you are caught using any of these devices, you will be asked to leave the classroom and turn in your exam. You will not be allowed to complete your exam.

2. All exams must be completed in pencil.

- Quizzes: Some quizzes will be completed outside of class and will require Connect Math.

- Homework: All homework assignments will be completed outside of class and will require Connect Math. There will be a homework assignment for each section.

Make-up Exams: There will be NO make-up exams, NO retests, and NO early or late testing for anyone under any circumstance. If you have a documented excuse for missing a test, then we will discuss your options at that time. I will call and verify all documentation that is provided for missing an exam.
Assessments:

Exams 30%
Homework 20%
Quiz 25%
Final 25%

HCC Policy Statement - ADA

Services to Students with Disabilities

Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the Disability Services Office at his or her respective college at the beginning of each semester. Faculty members are authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Disability Support Services Office. Persons needing accommodations due to a documented disability should contact the ADA counselor for their college as soon as possible. For questions, please contact Donna Price at 713.718.5165. To visit the ADA Web site, please visit www.hccs.edu then click Future students, scroll down the page and click on the words Disability Information.

HCC Policy Statement: Title IX

HCC is committed to providing a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination on the basis of sex which includes all forms of sexual misconduct. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 requires that when a complaint is filed, a prompt and thorough investigation is initiated. Complaints may be filed with the HCC Title IX Coordinator available at 713 718-8271 or email at oie@hccs.edu.

HCC Policy Statement: Academic Honesty

A student who is academically dishonest is, by definition, not showing that the coursework has been learned, and that student is claiming an advantage not available to other students. The instructor is responsible for measuring each student's individual achievements and also for ensuring that all students compete on a level playing field. Thus, in our system, the instructor has teaching, grading, and enforcement roles. You are expected to be familiar with the University's Policy on Academic Honesty, found in the catalog. What that means is: If you are charged with an offense, pleading ignorance of the rules will not help you. Students are responsible for conducting themselves with honor and integrity in fulfilling course requirements. Penalties and/or disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by College System officials against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty. “Scholastic dishonesty”: includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

Cheating on a test includes:
- Copying from another students’ test paper;
- Using materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- Collaborating with another student during a test without authorization;
- Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of a test not yet administered;
- Bribing another person to obtain a test that is to be administered.

Plagiarism means the appropriation of another’s work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one’s own written work offered for credit.

Collusion mean the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit. Possible punishments for academic dishonesty may include a grade of 0 or F in the particular assignment, failure in the course, and/or recommendation for probation or dismissal from the College System. (See the Student Handbook)

HCC Policy Statements

Class Attendance - It is important that you come to class! Attending class regularly is the best way to succeed in this class. Research has shown that the single most important factor in student success is attendance. Simply put, going to class greatly
increases your ability to succeed. You are expected to be on time at the beginning of each class period. For complete information regarding Houston Community College’s policies on attendance, please refer to the Student Handbook. You are responsible for materials covered during your absences. Class attendance is checked daily. Although it is your responsibility to drop a course for nonattendance, the instructor has the authority to drop you for excessive absences.

If you are not attending class, you are not learning the information. As the information that is discussed in class is important for your career, **students may be dropped from a course after accumulating absences in excess of six (6) hours of instruction.** The six hours of class time would include any total classes missed or for excessive tardiness or leaving class early.

You may decide NOT to come to class for whatever reason. As an adult making the decision not to attend, you do not have to notify the instructor prior to missing a class. However, if this happens too many times, you may suddenly find that you have “lost” the class.

Poor attendance records tend to correlate with poor grades. If you miss any class, including the first week, **you are responsible for all material missed.** It is a good idea to find a friend or a buddy in class who would be willing to share class notes or discussion or be able to hand in your work if you unavoidably miss a class.

**HCC Course Withdrawal Policy**

If you feel that you cannot complete this course, you will need to withdraw from the course prior to the final date of withdrawal. Before, you withdraw from your course; please take the time to meet with the instructor to discuss why you feel it is necessary to do so. The instructor may be able to provide you with suggestions that would enable you to complete the course. Your success is very important. Beginning in fall 2007, the Texas Legislature passed a law limiting first time entering freshmen to no more than **SIX** total course withdrawals throughout their educational career in obtaining a certificate and/or degree.

To help students avoid having to drop/withdraw from any class, HCC has instituted an Early Alert process by which your professor may “alert” you and HCC counselors that you might fail a class because of excessive absences and/or poor academic performance. It is your responsibility to visit with your professor or a counselor to learn about what, if any, HCC interventions might be available to assist you – online tutoring, child care, financial aid, job placement, etc. – to stay in class and improve your academic performance.

If you plan on withdrawing from your class, you **MUST** contact a HCC counselor or your professor prior to withdrawing (dropping) the class for approval and this must be done PRIOR to the withdrawal deadline to receive a “W” on your transcript. **Final withdrawal deadlines vary each semester and/or depending on class length, please visit the online registration calendars, HCC schedule of classes and catalog, any HCC Registration Office, or any HCC counselor to determine class withdrawal deadlines. Remember to allow a 24-hour response time when communicating via email and/or telephone with a professor and/or counselor. Do not submit a request to discuss withdrawal options less than a day before the deadline.** If you do not withdraw before the deadline, you will receive the grade that you are making in the class as your final grade. **The last day to withdraw is 10/30/2015.**

**Repeat Course Fee**

The State of Texas encourages students to complete college without having to repeat failed classes. To increase student success, students who repeat the same course more than twice, are required to pay extra tuition. The purpose of this extra tuition fee is to encourage students to pass their courses and to graduate. Effective fall 2006, HCC will charge a higher tuition rate to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. If you are considering course withdrawal because you are not earning passing grades, confer with your instructor/counselor as early as possible about your study habits, reading and writing homework, test taking skills, attendance, course participation, and opportunities for tutoring or other assistance that might be available.

**Classroom Behavior**

It is important to create an environment that promotes the success of all students. Incivility in the classroom not only disrupts the learning process but also creates an uncomfortable environment for students. As a faculty member, I am responsible for management of the classroom environment. **Therefore, disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.**

**Use of Camera and/or Recording Devices**

As a student active in the learning community of this course, it is your responsibility to be respectful of the learning atmosphere in your classroom. To show respect of your fellow students and instructor, you will turn off your phone and other electronic devices, and will not use these devices in the classroom unless you receive permission from the instructor.
Use of recording devices, including camera phones and tape recorders, is prohibited in classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices, and other locations where instruction, tutoring, or testing occurs. Students with disabilities who need to use a recording device as a reasonable accommodation should contact the Office for Students with Disabilities for information regarding reasonable accommodations.

**Instructor Requirements:**

**I expect you to devote 30-45 minutes daily studying/solving math problems.**

**Grading Scale**

90 - 100 = A
80 - 89 = B
70 - 79 = C
60 - 69 = D
Below 60 = F

**Personal Communication Device Policy:**

All personal communication devices (any device with communication capabilities including but not limited to cell phones, blackberries, pagers, cameras, palmtop computers, lap tops, PDA's, radios, headsets, portable fax machines, recorders, organizers, databanks, and electronic dictionaries or translators) must be muted or turned off during class. Such activity during class time is deemed to be disruptive to the academic process. Personal communication devices are to not be on the student desk during examinations. Usage of such devices during exams is expressly prohibited during examinations and will be considered cheating (see academic honesty section above).

**Student Course Reinstatement Policy:**

Students have a responsibility to arrange payment for their classes when they register, either through cash, credit card, financial aid, or the installment plan. Faculty members have a responsibility to check their class rolls regularly, especially during the early weeks of a term, and reconcile the official class roll to ensure that no one is attending class whose name does not appear on it. Students who are dropped from their courses for nonpayment of tuition and fees who request reinstatement after the official date of record (OE Date) can be reinstated by making payment in full and paying an additional $75 per course reinstatement fee. A student requesting reinstatement should present the registrar with a completed Enrollment Authorization Form with the signature of the instructor, department chair, or dean who should verify that the student has been attending class regularly. Students who are reinstated are responsible for all course policies and procedures, including attendance requirements.

**Resources:**

Free tutoring is available. The Learning Emporium at the Central Campus is available to all HCC students for tutoring in Mathematics, among other subjects. You may visit them in SJAC 384 or contact them at 713-714-6356 Additional help is also available through Student Support Services. Students can get free assistance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in Math, English and other subjects, at www.hccs.askonline.net. Typically, posted questions are answered by an HCC tutor or faculty within 24 hours (usually under 6 hours). There are also several online math resources that you can find with an internet search. You may also find information on the Learning Web site accessible through your specific HCCS campus website.

**EGLS3 -- Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System**

At Houston Community College, professors believe that thoughtful student feedback is necessary to improve teaching and learning. During a designated time, you will be asked to answer a short online survey of research-based questions related to instruction. The anonymous results of the survey will be made available to your professors and division chairs for continual improvement of instruction. Look for the survey as part of the Houston Community College Student System online near the end of the term. Visit www.hccs.edu/EGLS3 for more information.
## Administration contact information

### College - Level Math Courses

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For issues related to your class, please first contact your instructor.  
If you need to contact departmental administration, then contact the appropriate Associate Chair.  
If further administrative contact is necessary, then contact the appropriate Department Chair.