



Mathematics Spring Branch Campus

Math 1314: College Algebra

CRN 62290 – Fall 2013

Room 311 | 8am-9:30 | MW

3 hour lecture course / 48 hours per semester/ 15 weeks

Textbook: College Algebra Alternate Edition by Larson, (8th ed)

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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

CALENDAR

Sections covered are P.6, 1.4, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 2.1 - 2.7, 3.1 - 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1 - 5.4, 6.1, 6.2, 7.2, 7.4. Exams are:

Exam 1: Wednesday, Sept 18

Exam 2: Wednesday, Oct 23

Exam 3: Monday, Nov 25

Final Exam: Wednesday, Dec 11 - 8am - 10am room 311

Instructional Methods

This class is taught in the format of interactive lecture. Your attendance is required, your participation is encouraged.

If you'd like a copy of my teaching philosophy, please email me and I'll forward one to you.

Student Assignments & Assessments

Grade Calculation	Final Grade Scale
Final Exam - 30%	90 - 100 = A
Exam 1 - 15%	80 - 89 = B
Exam 2 - 15%	70 - 79 = C
Exam 3 - 15%	60 - 69 = D
Daily Quizzes - 15%	Below 60 = F
WebAssign - 10%	

You will have 3 major exams and a Final Exam. Exams will include 15 minutes of review the day before the test. The final exam will have a full day of review.

Each day you'll have a quiz at the end of class supporting your work from the previous day's learning. These are formative assessments. This means they help you and me get a feel of how well you're doing on that piece of the course. I will be on hand to help you with these and you can use your book, google, youtube or any other resource. You may not work together. You will be allowed to submit the quiz when you've gotten 100% or when the class ends - no sooner.

You will be assigned homework on each section out of the book as well as through MyMathLab. The book homework is not graded but is helpful. WebAssign (code to be announced) is graded and counts 10% of your grade.

In Class Peer Tutors

Students who finish their quizzes early with 100% are welcome to help others in the class. This assistance will be monitored, as you are not allowed to give answers - merely coach, encourage and support.

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: 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. Excessive absences include:

- Missing more than 3 classes in a row without communicating with me (713-557-8048)
- Missing more than 5 classes without communicating with me (713-557-8048)
- Missing the first two exams (regardless of the reason)
- Missing more than 7 classes (regardless of the reason)

If you need to leave class early, please inform me before class or during a break. It is annoying to me and to the class for people to leave in the middle of a lecture.

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 October 30, 2013, 4:30pm.**

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.

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

This is a safe learning environment. Please treat your classmates with respect. You may expect respect back from them - to be enforced by me.

Grading Scale

90 - 100 = A

80 - 89 = B

70 - 79 = C

60 - 69 = D

00 - 59 = F

Note: The instructor cannot assign a grade of W.

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 in the Math Lab. 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.