



**Division of Mathematics
Mathematics Department**

<https://learning.hccs.edu/programs/mathematics>

Math 1324: Math for Business and Social Sciences Lecture| 11507

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In-Person | Northline 226 | MoWe 12:00 p.m.-1:50 p.m.
3 Credit Hours | 48 hours per semester

Instructor Contact Information

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Please feel free to contact me concerning any problems that you are experiencing in this course. Your performance in my class is very important to me. I am available to hear the concerns and just to discuss course topics.

Instructor's Preferred Method of Contact

The fastest way to reach me is by either HCC email or Canvas email.
I will respond to emails within 24 hours Monday through Friday; I will reply to weekend messages on Monday mornings.

What's Exciting About This Course

This course provides a detailed study of applications of common algebraic functions, including polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and rational. Some applications including mathematics of finance; system of linear equations; linear programming; and probability.

My Personal Welcome

Welcome to Business Math – I am glad that you have chosen to take this course! I will make my best effort to present the information in the most clear and straightforward way possible. My goal is for you to successfully complete this course and also able to apply these concepts in your next endeavor. I'm available during posted office hours for questions. So please visit me or contact me by email whenever you have a question.

Prerequisites and/or Co-Requisites

Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in Math 0310 or its equivalent or an acceptable placement score. A grade of C or better in Math 0314 its equivalent or an acceptable placement score.

Co-Requisites: MATH 0324 is a co-requisite to MATH 1324. Since MATH 0324 is co-requisite with MATH 1324, withdrawing from either MATH 0324 or Math 1324 will necessitate withdrawal from the other as well. Please carefully read and consider the repeater policy in the [HCCS Student Handbook](#).

Canvas Learning Management System

This section of MATH 1324 will use [Canvas](https://eagleonline.hccs.edu) (<https://eagleonline.hccs.edu>) to supplement in-class assignments, exams, and activities. Selected homework questions for each section, supplemental instructional materials and test reviews are available in Canvas.

HCCS Open Lab locations may be used to access the Internet and Canvas. **USE [FIREFOX](#) OR [CHROME](#) AS THE INTERNET BROWSER.**

HCC Online Information and Policies

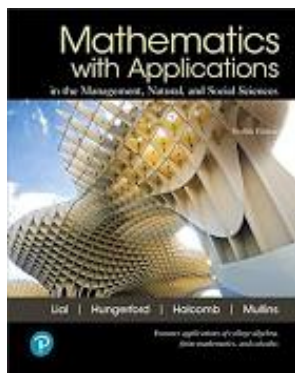
Include if Online course. Here is the link to information about HCC Online classes including the required Online Orientation for all fully online classes: <http://www.hccs.edu/online/>

Scoring Rubrics, Sample Assignments, etc.

Look in Canvas for the scoring rubrics for assignments, samples of class assignments, and other information to assist you in the course. <https://eagleonline.hccs.edu/login/ldap>

Instructional Materials

Textbook Information



The textbook listed below is **required** for this course.

Mathematics with Applications In the Management, Natural, and Social Sciences; 12th ed.; By Margaret Lial, Thomas Hungerford, John Holcomb, Jr., Bernadette Mullins. Pearson. ISBN-13: 978-0135335215

It is included in a package that contains the text as well as an access code and are found at the [HCC Bookstore](#). You may either use a hard copy of the book or the e-book through MyMathLab.

Temporary Free Access to E-Book

For temporary free access to MathLab and the online eBook, go to www.Coursecompass.com and register using the MathLab Course ID nwaguru67028

Other Instructional Resources

Tutoring

HCC provides free, confidential, and convenient academic support, including writing critiques, to HCC students in an online environment and on campus. Tutoring is provided by HCC personnel in order to ensure that it is contextual and appropriate. Visit the [HCC Tutoring Services](#) website for services provided.

Libraries

The HCC Library System consists of 9 libraries and 6 Electronic Resource Centers (ERCs) that are inviting places to study and collaborate on projects. Librarians are available both at the libraries and online to show you how to locate and use the resources you need. The libraries maintain a large selection of electronic resources as well as collections of books, magazines, newspapers, and audiovisual materials. The portal to all libraries' resources and services is the HCCS library web page at <http://library.hccs.edu>.

Supplementary Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is an academic enrichment and support program that uses peer-assisted study sessions to improve student retention and success in historically difficult courses. Peer Support is provided by students who have already succeeded in completion of the specified course, and who earned a grade of A or B. Find details at <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/supplemental-instruction/>.

Course Overview

This course is intended for students majoring in liberal arts and secondary education. Topics included are: the application of common algebraic functions, including polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and rational, to problems in business, economics, and the social sciences are addressed. The applications include mathematics of finance, including simple and compound interest and annuities; systems of linear equations; matrices; linear programming; and probability, including expected value.

Core Curriculum Objectives (CCOs)

Given the rapid evolution of necessary knowledge and skills and the need to take into account global, national, state, and local cultures, the core curriculum must ensure that students will develop the essential knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, in a career, in their communities, and in life. Through the Texas Core Curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world, develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world, and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning.

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

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

Students in the Mathematics Program will:

1. Engage in problem solving strategies, such as organizing information, drawing diagrams and modeling.
2. Use symbolic representations to solve problems. This includes manipulating formulas, solving equations, and graphing lines.
3. Build the foundational mathematical skills that will enable a student to successfully complete a college level mathematics course.

Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)

Upon completion of MATH 1324, the student will be able to:

1. Apply elementary functions, including linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, logarithmic, and exponential functions to solving real-world problems.
2. Solve mathematics of finance problems, including the computation of interest, annuities, and amortization of loans.
3. Apply basic matrix operations, including linear programming methods, to solve application problems.
4. Demonstrate fundamental probability techniques and application of those techniques, including expected value, to solve problems.
5. Apply matrix skills and probability analyses to model applications to solve real-world problems.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of MATH 1324, the student will be able to:

1. Be able to graph systems of linear equations in two variables.
2. Be able to solve systems of linear equations using Gauss-Jordan elimination.
3. Be able to add, subtract, and multiply matrices.
4. Be able to find the inverse of a square matrix.
5. Find simple and compound interest.
6. Find the future value of a given annuity.
7. Find the monthly payment and the total interest for a given simple interest amortized loan.
8. Be able to graph systems of linear inequalities in two variables.
9. Use the graphical method for solving a linear programming problem.
10. Use the simplex method for solving standard maximization and standard minimization problems.
11. Be able to perform the basic set operations.
12. Be able to use the multiplication principle, permutations and combinations in counting arguments.
13. Calculate basic probabilities using classical methods.
14. Calculate conditional probabilities.
15. Use expected values in real-world applications.
16. Use the binomial distribution to model and analyze probability experiments.

Student Success

Expect to spend at least twice as many hours per week outside of class as you do in class studying the course content. Additional time will be required for written assignments. The assignments provided will help you use your study hours wisely. Successful completion of this course requires a combination of the following:

- Reading the textbook
- Attending class in person and/or online
- Completing assignments
- Participating in class activities

There is no short cut for success in this course; it requires reading (and probably re-reading) and studying the material using the course objectives as a guide.

Instructor and Student Responsibilities

As your Instructor, it is my responsibility to:

- Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades are to be derived
- Facilitate an effective learning environment through learner-centered instructional techniques
- Provide a description of any special projects or assignments
- Inform students of policies such as attendance, withdrawal, tardiness, and making up assignments
- Provide the course outline and class calendar that will include a description of any special projects or assignments
- Arrange to meet with individual students before and after class as required

As a student, it is your responsibility to:

- Attend class in person and/or online
- Participate actively by reviewing course material, interacting with classmates, and responding promptly in your communication with me
- Read and comprehend the textbook
- Complete the required assignments and exams
- Ask for help when there is a question or problem
- Keep copies of all paperwork, including this syllabus, handouts, and all assignments
- Be aware of and comply with academic honesty policies in the HCCS Student Handbook

Assignments, Exams, and Activities

Exams

There are three unit exams, each worth 100 points. For detail schedule consult the Course Calendar.

Final Exam

All students will be required to take a cumulative Final exam during week 16.

Final Exam Review Sessions: HCC MATH DAYS

The Math Department will offer several Final Exam Review sessions (i.e., **HCC Math Days**) for this course near the end of the semester (Fall and Spring semesters only). We encourage you to attend at least one of these sessions as you prepare for the comprehensive Final Exam. Your professor will provide you with more information regarding HCC Math Days locations and session times later in this semester.

While the full-time Math Department faculty leading these review sessions are prepared to answer students' questions on a variety of course topics, the **Final Exam Study Guide** will provide the basis for the HCC Math Days sessions. Therefore, to get the most out of these review sessions, be sure review and to work through the **Final Exam Study Guide** before you attend the review session(s). Please ask your professor if you have any questions regarding these sessions. Finally, the Math 1324 **Final Exam Study Guide** and the **dates** for the Math Days review sessions are located at:

<https://cofinite.com/MathDays/Math1324.php>

Grading Formula

You may practice your homework problems in Connect Math (via Canvas) or with selected exercises from the textbook. Selected textbook exercises are listed in Canvas. We will have periodic pop quizzes that consist of questions similar to homework problems. No makeup for quizzes.

Exam 1	20% of your grade
Exam 2	20% of your grade
Exam 3	20% of your grade
Homework	15% of your grade
Final Exam	25% of your grade

Final Grade = $0.2E1+0.2E2+0.2E3+0.15H+0.25FE$

Homework practice and attendance are not part of your grade. Special assignments and in-class quizzes are for extra points. Your final percentage grade is the total number of points accumulated over the semester divided by 5. Note: Canvas Gradebook does not necessarily calculate extra credit correctly; therefore it may not show your actual percentage and grade. To determine your grade use the formula stated above.

Grade	Overall Percentage
A	90% +
B	80%-89%
C	70%- 79%
D	60%-69%
F	<60%

For distance Ed (Online courses):

The Math Department requires that at least **45%** of your course grade will consist of scores from *at least two in-person proctored exams in the Testing Center.*

Incomplete Policy:

In order to receive a grade of Incomplete ("I"), a student must have completed at least 85% of the work in the course. In all cases, the instructor reserves the right to decline a student's request to receive a grade of Incomplete.

HCC Grading Scale can be found on this site under Academic Information:
<http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/>

Course Calendar

Tentative calendar for the semester, subject to change.

Week	Dates	Topic/What's due
1	2/17 2/19	MLK HOLIDAY Syllabus 8.1 Sets 8.2 Application of Venn Diagrams and Contingency Tables (optional) 8.3 Introduction to Probability
2	2/24 2/26	8.4 Basic Concepts of Probability 8.5 Conditional probability and Independent Events 9.1 Probability Distribution and Expected Value
3	3/2 3/4	9.2 The Multiplication Principle, Permutations and Combinations 9.3 Applications of Counting 9.4 Binomial Probability
4	3/9 3/11	Exam 1 over chapters 8 and 9 5.1 Simple Interest and Discount 5.2 Compound Interest
5	3/23 3/25	5.3 Annuities, Future Values and Sinking Funds 5.4 Annuities, Present Value and Amortization 2.1 Graph 2.2 Equations of Lines
6	3/30 4/1	3.4 Quadratic Functions and Applications 3.6 Rational Functions 4.1 Exponential Functions 4.3 Logarithmic Functions
7	4/6 4/8	4.3 Logarithmic Functions 4.4 Logarithmic and Exponential Equations Exam 2 over chapters 2-5
8	4/13 4/15	6.1 Systems of Two Linear Equations 6.2 Larger Systems of Linear Equations 6.3 Applications of Systems of Linear Equations 6.4 Basic Matrix Operations
9	4/20 4/22	6.5 Matrix Products and Inverses 7.1 Graphing Linear Inequalities in Two Variables 7.2 Linear Programming
10	4/27 4/29	7.3 Applications of Linear Programming 7.4 The Simplex Method: Maximization 7.5 Maximization Applications
11	5/4 5/6	Exam 3 over chapters 6-7 Final Exam Review
12	5/11 5/13	NO CLASS Comprehensive Final Exam 12 noon

Syllabus Modifications

The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus at any time during the semester and will promptly notify students in writing, typically by e-mail, of any such changes.

Instructor's Practices and Procedures

Missed Assignments

If you miss an exam, you must explain why, provide proof and request a makeup via email within 72 hours. Permissions for makeup exams are granted for provable extenuating circumstances ONLY. Make up exams must be completed prior to the next exam. No makeup for quizzes and the final exam.

Academic Integrity

All forms of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, and collusion are serious offenses. Possible consequences for academic dishonesty include a grade a 0 or F in the particular assignment, failure in the course, and/or recommendations for probation or dismissal from the institution.

Here's the link to the HCC information about academic integrity (Scholastic Dishonesty and Violation of Academic Scholastic Dishonesty and Grievance):

<http://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-procedures/>

Attendance Procedures

Attendance is recorded for every class period. Even though attendance is not part of your grade, poor attendance records tend to correlate with poor grades. If you miss any class, including the first week, you are responsible for the material you'd missed outside of class.

The last day to withdraw and receive "W" is Thursday, April 16, 2020.

Student Conduct

It is every student's responsibility to self-govern and fosters a productive learning atmosphere in the classroom. To demonstrate your professionalism as a good student, there will be no private conversation, no potentially noise-making gadgets and no activity that may cause a distraction.

Instructor's Course-Specific Information (As Needed)

Begin the semester with the end in mind. If your degree plan requires a particular minimum to transfer, then plan your time and effort accordingly. Do not expect the grading policy to change for your benefit. There will be no curving of grades or dropping the lowest test score.

Electronic Devices

The use of electronic devices by students in the classroom is up to the discretion of the instructor. Any use of such devices for the purposes other than student learning is strictly prohibited unless authorized as an appropriate ADA accommodation from the ADA Counselor.

Mathematics Program Information

- HCC Math Student Organizations: Mu Alpha Theta: Application:
<https://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/stem--science-technology-engineering--mathematics/stem-clubs/mu-alpha-theta-application/>

HCC Policies

Here's the link to the HCC Student Handbook <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/> In it you will find information about the following:

- Academic Information
- Academic Support
- Attendance, Repeating Courses, and Withdrawal
- Career Planning and Job Search
- Childcare
- disAbility Support Services
- Electronic Devices
- Equal Educational Opportunity
- Financial Aid TV (FATV)
- General Student Complaints
- Grade of FX
- Incomplete Grades
- International Student Services
- Health Awareness
- Libraries/Bookstore
- Police Services & Campus Safety
- Student Life at HCC
- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Student Services
- Testing
- Transfer Planning
- Veteran Services

EGLS³

The EGLS³ (Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System) will be available for most courses near the end of the term until finals start. This brief survey will give invaluable information to your faculty about their teaching. Results are anonymous and will be available to faculty and division chairs after the end of the term. EGLS³ surveys are only available for the Fall and Spring semesters. -EGLS³ surveys are not offered during the Summer semester due to logistical constraints.

<http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/egls3-evaluate-your-professors/>

Campus Carry Link

Here's the link to the HCC information about Campus Carry:

<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/police/campus-carry/>

HCC Email Policy

When communicating via email, HCC requires students to communicate only through the HCC email system to protect your privacy. If you have not activated your HCC student email account, you can go [to HCC Eagle ID](#) and activate it now. You may also use Canvas Inbox to communicate.

Housing and Food Assistance for Students

Any student who faces challenges securing their foods or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students at their college for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so.

This will enable HCC to provide any resources that HCC may possess.

Office of Institutional Equity

Use the link below to access the HCC Office of Institutional Equity, Inclusion, and Engagement (<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/>)

disAbility Services

HCC strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including long and short term conditions, mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please meet with a campus Abilities Counselor as soon as possible in order to establish reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and Ability Services. It is the policy and practice of HCC to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. For more information, please go to <http://www.hccs.edu/support-services/disability-services/>

Title IX

Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex-including pregnancy and parental status in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor. The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to:

David Cross
Director EEO/Compliance
Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity
3100 Main
(713) 718-8271
Houston, TX 77266-7517 or Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu
<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/title-ix-know-your-rights/>

Office of the Dean of Students

Contact the office of the Dean of Students to seek assistance in determining the correct complaint procedure to follow or to identify the appropriate academic dean or supervisor for informal resolution of complaints.

<https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-complaints/speak-with-the-dean-of-students/>

Department Chair Contact Information

College - Level Math Courses

Chair of Math	Susan Fife	SW Campus	713-718-7241	Stafford, Scarcella, N108
- Admin. Assistant	Tiffany Pham	SW Campus	713-718-7770	Stafford, Scarcella, N108
- Admin. Assistant	Christopher Cochran	SW Campus	713-718-2477	Stafford, Scarcella, N108
Math Assoc. Chair	Jaime Hernandez	CE Campus	713-718-7772	San Jacinto Building, Rm 369
Math Assoc. Chair	Ernest Lowery	NW Campus	713-718-5512	Katy Campus Building, Rm 112
Math Assoc. Chair	Mahmoud Basharat	NE Campus	713-718-2438	Codwell Hall Rm 105

Developmental Math Courses

Chair of Dev. Math	Jack Hatton	SE Campus	713-718-2434	Felix Morales Building, Rm 124
- Admin. Assistant	Carmen Vasquez	SE Campus	713-718-7056	Felix Morales Building, Rm 124
Dev. Math Assoc. Chair	Hien Nguyen	SE Campus	713-718-2440	Felix Morales Building, Rm 124
Dev. Math Assoc. Chair	Adnan Ulhaque	SW Campus	713-718-5463	Stafford, Learning Hub, Room 208
Technical Support Specialist	Douglas Bump	SE Campus	713-718-7317	Angela Morales Building, Rm 101

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.