



## Department of Mathematics

### KATY Campus

Math 1314: College Algebra

CRN 13439 – Spring 19

RM 222 A | 8-9:20AM | Mon and Wed

3 hour lecture course / 48 hours per semester/ 16 weeks

Textbook: College Algebra 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, by Julie Miller and Donna Gerken

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**MW :** 12:30- 2:15 pm

**TUE:** 12:30- 2:00 pm

### Course Description

In-depth study and applications of quadratic, polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions, and systems of equations using matrices and matrices and determinants

A departmental final examination will be given in this course.

### Prerequisites

A C or better in Math 0312 or its equivalent or an acceptable placement test score.

A C or better in Math 0314 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):

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, Operations, compositions, and inverses.
2. Recognize and apply polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions and solve related equations.
3. Apply graphing techniques.
4. Evaluate all roots of higher degree polynomial and rational functions.
5. Recognize, solve and apply systems of linear equations using matrices.

### Objectives

Students will:

1. Solve Quadratic Equations in one variable by the method of factoring, square root property, completing the square and the quadratic formula.
2. Solve radical equations, fractional equations, and equations of quadratic form.
3. Solve linear inequalities and linear equations involving absolute value, state the solution in interval notation, and graph the solution.
4. Solve non-linear (quadratic and rational) inequalities, state the solution in interval notation, and graph the solution.
5. Solve exponential and logarithmic equations.
6. Solve systems of linear and nonlinear in two variables.
7. Find the distance and midpoint between two points in the Cartesian Plane.
8. 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

9. Graph linear functions, quadratic functions, piecewise-defined functions, absolute value functions, polynomial functions, rational functions, exponential functions, and logarithmic functions.
10. Understand vertical and horizontal shifts, stretching, shrinking, and reflections of graphs of functions.
11. Recognize the equation of a circle, sketch the graph of a circle, and find the equation of a circle.
13. Determine the rational zeros of a polynomial.
14. 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
15. Understand the inverse relationship between the exponential and logarithmic functions.
16. Perform operations with matrices.
17. Solve and apply systems of linear equations using 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.

**Math Department Calculator Policy:** Calculators are **NOT** to be used on the any examinations; in particular, calculators are **NOT** to be used on the Departmental Final Exam.

**CALENDAR**

WEEK	MONDAY	Wednesday
1 JAN 14 <sup>TH</sup>	SYLLABUS	1.3
2 JAN 21 <sup>ST</sup>	HOLIDAY	1.4
3 JAN 28 <sup>TH</sup>	1.4	1.5
4 FEB 4 <sup>TH</sup>	1.6	1.7
5 FEB 11 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>EXAM 1</b>	2.1,2.2
6 FEB 18 <sup>TH</sup>	HOLIDAY	2.3,2.4
7 FEB 25 <sup>TH</sup>	2.5,2.6	2.7
8 MAR 4 <sup>TH</sup>	2.8	<b>EXAM 2</b>
9 MAR 18 <sup>TH</sup>	3.1,3.2	3.2
10 MAR 25 <sup>TH</sup>	3.3	3.4
11 APR 1 <sup>ST</sup>	3.5	3.6
12 APR 8 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>EXAM 3</b>	4.1,4.2
13 APR 15 <sup>TH</sup>	4.3,4.4,	4.5,5.1

14 APR 22 <sup>ND</sup>	5.4,6.1	6.3,6.5
15 APR 29 <sup>TH</sup>	EXAM 4	REVIEW FINALS
16 MAY 6 <sup>TH</sup>		MAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> @ 8AM FINALS

**Instructional Methods**

Lecture, presentations, videos and games will be conducted during the class.

**Student Assignments**

**Assignments:**

I do not accept late assignments. There will be one homework grade per chapter. The homework grades and quizzes will be averaged together and will count as 20% of your final average.

**Make-up Exams:** No makeup exams assignments and homework will be given. I drop one test, if a student does not show up for an exam that exam will be considered for dropping the test

**Attendance:** Attendance to all classes is expected. Attendance will be recorded at each class. It is your responsibility to obtain missed material and information. If you are 30 mins late or leave 30 mins before the class ends, you will be marked absent. I DO NOT DROP STUDENTS.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE FINALS, IT IS AN AUTOMATIC 'F FOR THE COURSE.

**ASSESSMENTS:**

- Exams 55%
- Home work/Quiz 20%
- Finals 25%

NO CALCULATORS ALLOWED ON ANY EXAM AND FINALS

**HCC Policy Statement - Students with disabilities**

HCC strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including 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/>

**Ability Services Contact Information**

Central College	713-718-6164	
Coleman College	713-718-7376	
Northeast College	713-718-8322	
Northwest College	713-718-5422	713-718-5408
Southeast College	713-718-7144	
Southwest College	713-718-5910	
Adaptive Equipment/Assistive Technology	713-718-6629	713-718-5604
Interpreting and CART services	713-718-6333	

**HCC Policy Statement: 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  
Houston, TX 77266-7517 or [Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu](mailto:Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu)  
Phone number: 713-718-8271

### Basic Needs Security Statement

Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable us to provide any resources that HCC may possess.

### Campus Carry statement:

At HCC the safety of our students, staff, and faculty is our first priority. As of August 1, 2017, Houston Community College is subject to the Campus Carry Law (SB11 2015). For more information, visit the HCC Campus Carry web page at <http://www.hccs.edu/departments/police/campus-carry/>

### HCC Policy Statement: Academic Honesty

**STUDENTS FOUND CHEATING DURING FINALS, GET “F” FOR THE COURSE.**

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 APR 1<sup>ST</sup>****

### **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**

**CELL PHONES SHOULD BE TURNED OFF**

### **Misuse of Electronic Devices in the Classroom**

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

### **Instructor Requirements**

**HOMEWORK IS EXPECTED TO BE DONE REGULARLY**

### **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:**

The HCC Tutoring Centers provide academic support to our diverse student population by creating an open atmosphere of learning for all students enrolled at HCC. Using a variety of tutoring techniques, we assist students across academic disciplines, addressing their individual needs in a constructive, safe, and welcoming environment. Our emphasis is on maximizing academic potential while promoting student success and retention. We are committed to helping students achieve their educational, personal, and career goals by empowering them to become confident, independent, lifelong learners.

Tutoring for individual subjects is offered at specific times throughout the week on various campuses. There is no need to make an appointment. If you need a tutor, please refer to our website: <http://www.hccs.edu/findatutor> for times and locations. For more information about tutoring at HCC, please go to <http://www.hccs.edu/tutoring>.

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 <https://hccs.upswing.io/>. Typically, an HCC tutor or faculty answers posted questions within 24 hours (usually under 6 hours). In addition, you can find several online math resources through an internet search. You may also find information on the Learning Web site accessible through your specific HCCS campus website.

### **EGLS<sub>3</sub> -- 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](http://www.hccs.edu/EGLS3) for more information.

**Administration 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	Marisol Montemayor	SE Campus	713-718-7153	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	Jack Hatton	NE Campus	713-718-2434	Northline Building, Room 321

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.