

**Mathematics**  
**HCC Southeast Campus**  
**Math 1324-Finite Math**  
**CRN:90295-Spring/2016**  
**Room 310 Angela Morales, MW 7-8:30PM**  
**Textbook: Mathematics With Applications; 10<sup>th</sup> ed; Lial, Margaret**  
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**MyMathLab Course ID #: haj30998**

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**Office location and hours:**

**Course Description**

MATH 1324: Finite Mathematics with Applications. A survey of finite mathematics and its application to problems of business and the natural and social sciences. Topics include set theory, probability, an introduction to matrices, linear programming, and an introduction to statistics.

**Prerequisites**

A grade of C or better in Math 0312 or its equivalent or meet TSI college-readiness standard for Mathematics.

**Course Goal**

This course is intended for students majoring in liberal arts and secondary education.

**Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):**

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 outcomes**

Students will:

- 1.1 Be able to graph systems of linear equations in two variables.
- 1.2 Be able to solve systems of linear equations using Gauss-Jordan elimination.
- 1.3 Be able to add, subtract, and multiply matrices.
- 1.4 Be able to find the inverse of a square matrix.
- 2.1 Find simple and compound interest.
- 2.2 Find the future value of a given annuity.
- 2.3 Find the monthly payment and the total interest for a given simple interest amortized loan.
- 3.1 Be able to graph systems of linear inequalities in two variables.
- 3.2 Use the graphical method for solving a linear programming problem.
- 3.3 Use the simplex method for solving standard maximization and standard minimization problems.
- 4.1 Be able to perform the basic set operations.
- 4.2 Be able to use the multiplication principle, permutations and combinations in counting arguments.
- 4.3 Calculate basic probabilities using classical methods.
- 5.1 Calculate conditional probabilities.
- 5.2 Use expected values in real-world applications.

5.3 Use the binomial distribution to model and analyze probability experiments.

### **Core Objectives**

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.

Students enrolled in this core curriculum course will complete a research project or case study designed to cultivate the following 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.

### CALENDAR

MATH 1324-Spring 2016 MW. 7-8:30PM

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Last day to withdraw from class: 4/5/2016

Exam #1: 2/3/2016

Exam #2: 2/24/2016

Exam #3: 3/23/2016

Exam #4: 4/13/2016

Exam #5: 5/4/2016

Final Exam: Wed. 5/11/16 7-8:30PM

## Student Assignments

- **Homework Assignments:** Assignments will be given for each section covered. Primarily, they will be done online using MyMathLab. NOTE: You are still expected to work the problems in the same manner that you would work a problem out of a textbook. You are allowed to do the bulk of the work for the class at your convenience **within the scheduled deadlines**. However, keep in mind that you should expect to spend at least 6 to 9 hours per week on learning and reviewing the material and on completing the online homework. **Once assignments are no longer available on MyMathLab, I will no longer accept the assignment for a grade.**

## Assessments

- Best 4 out of 5 major exams.....40%
- semester (comprehensive) examination .....30%
- homework .....20%
- Quiz.....10%

## 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](http://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 provide 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 [oiie@hccs.edu](mailto:oiie@hccs.edu).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 requires that institutions have policies and procedures that protect students' rights with regard to sex/gender discrimination.

Information regarding these rights are on the HCC website under Students-Anti-discrimination. Students who are pregnant and require accommodations should contact any of the ADA Counselors for assistance.

It is important that every student understands and conforms to respectful behavior while at HCC. Sexual misconduct is not condoned and will be addressed promptly. Know your rights and how to avoid these difficult situations.

Log in to [www.edurisksolutions.org](http://www.edurisksolutions.org). Sign in using your HCC student email account, then go to the button at the top right that says Login and enter your student number.

### **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 student's 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 means 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 should contact a HCC advisor prior to withdrawal. The withdrawal must be done **PRIOR** to the Last Day to Withdraw 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 advisor to determine class withdrawal deadlines. If you plan to discuss withdrawal options with an advisor or your professor, then please allow at least a 24-hour response time when communicating via email or telephone. ***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 04/05/2016**

### **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**  
Please be on time and remain for the entire period. Notify me if this is a problem.
- Please treat faculty and classmates in a respectful manner.
- Please do not have discussions with your peers during lectures.
- Please clean up after yourself. (Please throw away any trash before leaving the classroom.)
- Cell phones and pagers should be turned off prior to the beginning of class. Cell phones may not be visible during an exam.

### **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

### **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 in **room 203**. 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](http://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.

**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	Jaime Hernandez	SW Campus	713-718-2477	Stafford, Scarcella, N108
- Secretary	Tiffany Pham	SW Campus	713-718-7770	Stafford, Scarcella, N108
Math Assoc. Chair	Roderick McBane	CE Campus	713-718-6644	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	Susan Fife	SE Campus	713-718-7241	Felix Morales Building, Rm 124
- Secretary	Carmen Vasquez	SE Campus	713-718-7056	Felix Morales Building, Rm 124
Dev. Math Assoc. Chair	Marisol Montemayor	SE Campus	713-718-7153	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.