



Department of Mathematics

# **Syllabus**

for

## **Math 0320.031IN Summer 2021**

### **Intermediate Algebra**

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**Virtual Office Hours:** Wednesdays at 10 am through Zoom (*link and password in Blackboard*)

#### **1. Required Textbook/Materials**

Intermediate Algebra, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, by Tobey, Slater, Blair and Crawford by Pearson. A hard copy of the textbook is helpful, but it is optional since the software used, MyMathLab, has the electronic version of the textbook in it.

A **TI-30XIIS calculator** is required for this class. The calculator can be used on all homework assignments, quizzes, and tests.

#### **2. Course Description**

This course is designed to develop skills and understanding in the following areas: relations and functions, inequalities, algebraic expressions, and equations (absolute value, polynomial, radical, rational), with a special emphasis on linear and quadratic expressions and equations.

#### **3. Course Requirements**

##### **Homework Assignments**

There is an assigned homework for each section to be completed online using MyMathLab, MML. The due dates are specified in the Assignments folder in MML.

##### **Quizzes and Exams**

There are 4 quizzes, 4 chapter-exams and a comprehensive final exam. All quizzes and exams are to be done online using MML and the due dates are specified next to the assignments in the Assignments folder in MML. You can retake each quiz just once to improve your score; the higher score will be the one that counts. There are no retakes on any of the exams.

#### 4. Determination of Course Grade

##### Grading Formula:

The course grade will be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Final Average} = 60\% \text{Chapter Exam Average} + 20\% \text{Final Exam} \\ + 10\% \text{Homework Average} + 10\% \text{Quiz Average}$$

**The Final Exam score will replace the lowest Chapter Exam Score when it is larger.**

##### Grading Scale:

Grade A: Final Average in [89.5, 100]  
Grade B: Final Average in [79.5, 89.5)  
Grade C: Final Average in [69.5, 79.5)  
Grade D: Final Average in [59.5, 69.5)  
Grade F: Final Average in [0, 59.5)

#### 5. Make-up policy

You will be given two days to take a chapter exam and two days to take the final exam. If you are unable to make a scheduled exam within days specified in the course outline, you will be allowed to make up the exam provided you notify the instructor before the end of the scheduled exam period and have a legitimate reason for not being able to take the exam.

#### 6. Attendance Policy

**It is expected that you will log in and be active in MyMathLab daily.** In addition to time spent in doing homework, taking quizzes and exams it will be necessary to study, using the course materials, to be successful in the class.

#### 7. Communicating with your instructor:

ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. I will make every effort to respond to your email within 24 hours of receiving it.

#### 8. Academic Dishonesty

College of the Mainland is committed to a high standard of academic integrity. All students are responsible for honesty and independent effort. Incidents of academic and scholastic dishonesty (including cheating, plagiarism, and collusion) will be dealt with in a manner that is consistent with College Policy and the Student Handbook. Any student found to have been academically dishonest on an assignment, quiz or exam will receive a zero for that assignment, quiz or exam and he or she will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for further disciplinary action. Please read the sections on *Standards of Student Conduct and Discipline and Penalties* in the on-line Student Handbook.

## 9. Concerns about the Instructor

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact the Department Chair, Leslie Richardson, at (409) 933-8329, [lrichardson@com.edu](mailto:lrichardson@com.edu)

## 10. Course Outline

Week	Math 0320	Sections	Due Date
1	Operations with Variables, Grouping Symbols Evaluating Expressions and Formulas First Degree Equations with one unknown Absolute Value Equations Solving Word Problems <b>Quiz 1: Sections 2.1, 2.3, 2.4</b> Linear Inequalities Absolute Value Inequalities	1.5 1.6 2.1 2.3 2.4 2.6 2.8	<b>June 13</b>
2	<b>Exam 1: Chapter 2</b> Graphing Linear Equations Slope of a Line Equations of a Line <b>Quiz 2: Sections 3.1-3.3</b> Systems of Linear Equations Applications of Systems of Equations	3.1 3.2 3.3 4.1 4.3	<b>14-15</b>    <b>20</b>
3	<b>Exam 2: Chapters 3, 4</b> Rules of Exponents (Exclude Scientific Notation) Polynomials: adding, Subtracting, Multiplying Synthetic Division GCF, Factor by Grouping <b>Quiz 3: Sections 5.1, 5.3, 5.4</b> Factoring Trinomials Special Case Factoring Solving Equations by Factoring	1.4 5.1 5.3 5.4 5.5 5.6 5.8	<b>21-22</b>      <b>27</b>
4	<b>Exam 3: Chapters 5</b> Rational Expressions, Simplifying, Adding, Subtracting Rational Expressions Rational Equations <b>Quiz 4: Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.4</b> Radical Expressions and Functions Simplifying, Adding and Subtracting Radicals Multiplying, Dividing Radicals	6.1 6.2 6.4 7.2 7.3 7.4	<b>28-29</b>
5	Complex Numbers <b>Exam 4: Chapters 6, 7</b>	7.6	<b>July 6</b> <b>7-8</b>
6	<b>Final Exam</b>		<b>12-13</b>

## Institutional Policies and Guidelines

**Grade Appeal Process:** Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook. <[https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student\\_Handbook\\_2019-2020v5.pdf](https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf). *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.* [https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student\\_Handbook\\_2019-2020v5.pdf](https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf)

**Academic Success & Support Services:** College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

**ADA Statement:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Holly Bankston at 409-933-8520 or [hbankston@com.edu](mailto:hbankston@com.edu). The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

**Counseling Statement:** Any student needing counseling services is requested to please contact Holly Bankston in the student success center at 409-933-8520 or [hbankston@com.edu](mailto:hbankston@com.edu). Counseling services are available on campus in the student center for free and students can also email [counseling@com.edu](mailto:counseling@com.edu) to set up their appointment. Appointments are strongly encouraged; however, some concerns may be addressed on a walk-in basis.

**Textbook Purchasing Statement:** A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw is August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**F<sub>N</sub> Grading:** The F<sub>N</sub> grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The F<sub>N</sub> grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the F<sub>N</sub> grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an F<sub>N</sub> grade.

**Early Alert Program:** The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

**COVID-19 Statement:** All students, faculty, and staff are expected to familiarize themselves with materials and information contained on the College of the Mainland's Coronavirus Information site at [www.com.edu/coronavirus](http://www.com.edu/coronavirus). In compliance with Governor Abbott's May 18 Executive Order, face coverings/masks will no longer be required on COM campus. Protocols and college signage are being updated. We will no longer enforce any COM protocol that requires face coverings. We continue to encourage all members of the COM community to distance when possible, use hygiene measures, and get vaccinated to protect against COVID-19. Please visit [www.com.edu/coronavirus](http://www.com.edu/coronavirus) for future updates.