



Math 1314.141C3
College Algebra
Fall 2025
STEAM Building, Room 103
TTh 9:30-10:50 AM
F 9:00-9:50 AM

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Student hours and location:

MW 2:00-3:00 PM and TTH 11:00 AM-12:15 PM in the STEAM Bldg., Room 325-09, T 2:00-3:00 PM in [TEAMS](#), MW 3:00-4:00 in the Tutoring Center (Industrial Careers Building, Room 109), or by appointment

Required Textbook/Materials: You have purchased access to *MyMathLab*, software which includes the eText for the textbook and all course assignments, with your tuition. A hard copy of the textbook is recommended, but not required. The textbook used in this course is: College Algebra, by Beecher, Penna, Bittinger, fifth edition, published by Pearson.

Course Description: College Algebra is an in-depth study and applications of polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions, and systems of equations using matrices.

Course requirements:

- **Videos:** Video assignments will be given each week for every section covered in the course. Video assignments will count as 1% of your final grade.
- **Homework:** Homework assignments will be given each week for every section covered in the course. Homework assignments will count as 9% of your final grade.
- **Quizzes:** Four quizzes will be given. Cumulatively, the quizzes will count as 10% of your final grade.
- **Unit Exams:** Four exams will be given, and you will be provided with a review to prepare for each exam. Each test will count as 16% of your grade.
- **Final Exam:** The comprehensive final exam will be given at the end of the course during Week 16. The final exam will count as 16% of your grade and will replace your lowest exam grade if it is higher.

Required Technology: A graphing calculator, such as a TI-84 Plus, is required for this course. A TI-89 or higher or a TI-Nspire are not permitted. Internet capability is also required to gain access to course materials and online assignments in Brightspace D2L.

Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:

Grading Formula:

$$\text{Final Average} = 64\% \text{Chapter Exam Average} + 16\% \text{Final Exam} \\ + 9\% \text{Homework Average} + 1\% \text{Video Average} + 10\% \text{Quiz Average}$$

Grading Scale:

The course grade will be determined using the following scale:

Grade A: Final Average [89.5, 100]

Grade B: Final Average [79.5, 89.5)

Grade C: Final Average [69.5, 79.5)

Grade D: Final Average [59.5, 69.5)

Grade F: Final Average [0, 59.5)

Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy: Your final exam grade will replace your lowest test grade. If you neglect to take a test by its due date, this grade will be the one replaced unless you have prior instructor approval to make up this test at an alternate time. The late penalty for past due assignments is 20% of your grade. Occasionally, extra credit points will be offered to the entire class; however, individually, extra credit assignments will not be available.

Attendance Policy: Students at COM are expected to attend and participate in every session of all classes for which they are registered. When students are not actively participating (e.g., attending class and completing weekly online homework), the faculty member will alert their advisor using the Early Alert system described below.

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.

Table Mapping SLO's and Core Objectives

Student Learner Outcome	SLO assessed via this assignment	SLO maps to Core Objective	Core Objective assessed via this assignment
1. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, operations, compositions, and inverses.	Exam 1		
2. Recognize and apply polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions and solve related equations.	Exam 2, Exam 3	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	2. application problems on Exam 3

3. Apply graphing techniques	Quiz 3	Communication Skills (CS)	Graphing question on Exam 1
4. Evaluate all roots (zeros) of higher degree polynomials and rational functions	Quiz 2		
5. Recognize, solve, and apply systems of linear equations using matrices.	Exam 4	Empirical and Quantitative Skills (EQS)	2. application problems on Exam 4

Academic Dishonesty: Any incident of academic dishonesty will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a **grade of zero** on that exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate disciplinary action.

Student Concerns: 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 Mr. Leslie Richardson, Chair of the Math Department, at 409-933-8329 or lrichardson@com.edu.

Course outline:

Week	Dates	Topics	Sections	Due
6	Sept. 22-28	Orientation		Sept. 28
		Introduction to Graphs	1.1	
7	Sept. 29-Oct. 5	Functions and Graphs	1.2	Oct. 5
		Linear Functions, Zeros	1.5	
		Quiz 1: Sections 1.1-1.5		
		Inc. Dec. Piecewise Functions	2.1	
8	Oct. 6-12	Algebra of Functions	2.2	Oct. 13
		Compositions	2.3	
		Transformations	2.5	
9	Oct. 13-19	Review for Exam 1		Oct. 13
		Exam 1: Chapters 1 and 2		Oct. 14
		Quadratic Functions	3.2	Oct. 19
		Graphs of Quadratic Functions	3.3	
10	Oct. 20-26	Polynomial Functions	4.1	Oct. 27
		Graphs of Polynomial Functions	4.2	
		Remainder, Factor Theorems	4.3	
		Rational Functions	4.5	
		Quiz 2: Finding Zeros – 3.2, 4.3, 4.5		
11	Oct. 27-Nov. 2	Review for Exam 2		Oct. 27
		Exam 2: Chapters 3 and 4		Oct. 28
		Inverse Functions	5.1	Nov. 2
		Exponential Functions	5.2	

11 cont'd	Oct. 27-Nov. 2	Logarithmic Functions	5.3	Nov. 2
		Quiz 3: Graphing Techniques – Sections 5.1-5.3		
12	Nov. 3-9	Properties of Log Functions	5.4	Nov. 10
		Exponential, Log Equations	5.5	
		Modeling	5.6	
13	Nov. 10-16	Review for Exam 3		Nov. 10
		Exam 3: Chapter 5		Nov. 11
		Solve Linear Systems	6.3	Nov. 16
		Applications	6.2	
14	Nov. 17-23	Quiz 4: Sections 6.2-6.3		Dec. 1
		Geometry: Lines, Angles, Quadrilaterals		
		Geometry: Triangles and Solids		
		Right Angle Trigonometry: Part 1		
		Right Angle Trigonometry: Part 2		
15	Nov. 24-26	Review for Exam 4		Dec. 1
		****Thanksgiving Holiday****		
16	Dec 1-4	Exam 4: Chapter 6		Dec. 2
		Review for Final Exam		Dec. 2
		Comprehensive Final Exam		Dec. 4

****W-Day: November 14, 2025****

Mandatory Tutoring Policy: Students who fail (below a 70%) any chapter exam must attend a one-hour tutoring session before the next scheduled exam. The session will target areas where the student needs improvement. To verify attendance, students must submit a signed form from their tutor. Failure to complete this requirement will result in a 5-point penalty from their overall grade on the next chapter exam.

Tutoring: The Tutoring Center is here to support your academic success! We offer free, personalized academic assistance through one-on-one tutoring, available both in person and online. Need help after hours? Tutor.com provides 24/7 support and is accessible through your D2L course shell. Whether you're looking to master course material or boost your learning habits, we're here to help. For more information, visit <https://www.com.edu/tutoring>, email us at tutoringcenter@com.edu, or contact us at 409-933-8703

Success Coaching: The Math Success Coach is here to help you navigate this course and stay on track both academically and personally. Support is offered through one-on-one coaching sessions covering topics such as time management, goal setting, stress management, study habits, and motivation. Whether you're overcoming challenges or aiming to improve your performance, the Math Success Coach provides encouragement, accountability, and practical tools for success. Email successcoaching@com.edu for more information.

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://www.com.edu/student-services/student-handbook.html>. *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.*

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:

Kimberly Lachney, Student Accessibility Services Coordinator

Phone: 409-933-8919

Email: AccessibilityServices@com.edu

Location: COM Doyle Family Administration Building, Student Success Center

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 from the 1st 8-week session is October 1. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is November 14. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 8-week session is November 25.

FN Grading: The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN 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 FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN 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.

Resources to Help with Stress:

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.

Nondiscrimination Statement:

The College District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), or any other basis prohibited by law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of College District policy.