



**MATH 0315.252CL**  
**Intermediate Algebra**  
**FALL 2022**  
**TR 6:00 - 7:20 pm, 7:30 - 9:20 pm in STE 115**

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**Student hours and location:** Thursday 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Required Textbook:** Intermediate Algebra, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, by Tobey, Slater, Blair and Crawford by Pearson. The homework and quizzes as well as the e-text and videos for this course are online. The access code for MyMathLab may be purchased with the textbook or may be purchased separately online at <https://mlm.pearson.com/northamerica/mymathlab/>. You need the access code and the course code (**the course code is pena70038**) to gain access to MyMathLab today.

**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.

**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. This course does not transfer.

**Course requirements (including description of any special projects or assignments):**

1. Four Chapter Tests
2. Comprehensive Final Exam
3. *MyMathLab (MML)* Online Assignments
4. Quizzes Assignments

**Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula (methods of evaluation to be employed to include a variety of means to evaluate student performance):**

<u>My Math Lab</u> Homework	10%
Quiz Average	10%
Chapter Exam (Each Exam is 15%)	60%
Final Exam	20%

**Homework Assignments on MyMathLab:** There is a homework assignment for each section covered in class. These are listed on the course outline beginning on **page 4** of this syllabus. Twenty (20) points will be deducted from the score of a homework assignment if it is finished after the due date & time. Although the homework is online at Pearson MyMathLab, and the answers are entered online, you should write your work on paper, neatly showing all steps, and keep it in your notebook with your lecture notes for future reference. Both may serve as an aid for preparing for quizzes and exams, and as a place to begin when seeking assistance from your instructor, the math lab, or from your peers. The student has several attempts to answer a question correctly on the homework assignments.

**Quizzes on MyMathLab:** There are six quizzes which relate to the student learning outcomes. They are to be done on MyMathLab. Unlike the homework assignments, the quizzes must be taken in one sitting, they are timed, and the student only gets one attempt to answer each question. The quizzes may be retaken one time. The higher of the two grades will be used to determine the student's quiz average. The scores on these quizzes will be averaged in with the quiz grades on MyMathLab.

**Four Chapter Exams & Final Exam:** There are four exams which cover the chapters in the textbook. The exams are given on the dates listed on the Course Outline. The student has one hour and twenty minutes to take each exam. There are no make-up exams **unless** the student notifies the instructor in writing prior to the Exam and the professor determines if it is a legitimate reason. If you are permitted to make-up the exam, there is a deadline for completing the exam, and if the deadline is not met, the score for the exam will be recorded as a zero. You are only allowed to make-up 1 exam in the semester, given that any necessary paperwork is provided. Exams may not be retaken. However, if the grade on the Final Exam is higher than the lowest chapter exam grade, **the Final Exam will replace your lowest Exam score .**

**Grading Scale:**

Grade A: Final Average is [89.5, 100]

Grade B: Final Average is [79.5, 89.5)

Grade C: Final Average is [69.5, 79.5)

Grade D: Final Average is [59.5, 69.5)

Grade F: Final Average is [0, 59.5)

Grade I: Given unforeseen circumstances that result in the inability to successfully complete the course objectives, an I-Contract can be requested from the instructor assuming you meet the following criteria:

1. Have a passing overall average (70 or higher)
2. All work completed except for The Final Exam

**Attendance Policy:** Students at COM are expected to attend and participate in every session of all classes for which they are registered. Regular attendance is a critical component to being successful in courses. College of the Mainland recognizes no excused absences other than those prescribed by law. There is a strong correlation between excessive absences and failing grades. It is extremely difficult to succeed in this course without having good attendance. Students with excessive absences will be referred to Student Services. Students should consult information provided in My Math Lab and the course calendar when it becomes necessary to miss a class in order to be prepared when they return to class. If you are absent, you are still responsible for the work that was to be finished by the next class.

**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. (Faculty may add additional statement requiring monitoring and communication expectations via Blackboard or other LMS)

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of Math0315, students will:

1. Define, represent and perform operations on real and complex numbers.
2. Recognize, understand and analyze features of a function
3. Recognize and use algebraic (field) properties, concepts, procedures (including factoring), and algorithms to combine, transform, and evaluate absolute value, polynomial, radical, and rational expressions.
4. Identify and solve absolute value, polynomial, radical, and rational equations.
5. Identify and solve absolute value and linear inequalities.
6. Model, interpret and justify mathematical ideas and concepts using multiple representations.
7. Connect and use multiple strands of mathematics in situations and problems, as well as to the study of other disciplines.

**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 a quiz or test will receive a zero on that quiz or test and forfeit the chance to retake. In addition, he or she will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for further disciplinary action. For the second offense, students will be given an “F” for the class. Please read the sections on *Standards of Student Conduct and Discipline and Penalties* in the on-line Student Handbook. **Using any electronic device other than a TI-30XIIS calculator on a test or quiz will be considered cheating.**

**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 the Department Chair, Mr. Leslie Richardson at (409)933-8329.

**Course outline** (include calendar with lecture topics, due dates):

Week	Dates	Math 0315 - 252	Schedule
1	August 23, 25	Syllabus 1.5 Operations w/ Variables & Grouping Symbols 1.6 Evaluating Variable Expressions & Formulas 2.1 First Degree Equations with One Unknown 2.3 Absolute Value Equations 2.4 Solving Word Problems 2.6 Linear Inequalities <b>Quiz 1: Sections 1.5, 1.6, 2.3 &amp; 2.4</b>	Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday Thursday Thursday
2	August 30, Sept. 1	2.8 Absolute Value Inequalities <b>Review: 1.5, 1.6 &amp; Chapter 2 (In Class on 8/30/2021)</b> 3.1 Graphing Linear Equations <b>Test 1: 1.5, 1.6 &amp; Chapter 2 (In Class on 9/1/2021)</b> 3.2 Slope of a Line 3.3 Equations of a Line 3.5 Concept of a Function <b>Quiz 2: Sections 3.1-3.3</b> 4.1 Systems of Linear Equations	Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday Thursday Thursday Thursday
3	September 8	4.3 Applications of Systems of Equations <b>Review Chapters 3 &amp; 4 (In Class on 9/10/2021)</b> 1.4 Rules of Exponents (no scientific notation)	Thursday
4	September 13, 15	<b>Test 2: Chapters 3, 4 (In Class on 9/15/2021)</b> 5.1 Polynomials: Adding, Subtraction, Multiplying 5.3 Synthetic Division <b>Quiz 3 : Section 1.4, 5.1, 5.3</b> 5.4 GCF, Factor by Grouping 5.5 Factoring Trinomials 5.6 Special Case Factoring	Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday Thursday Thursday
5	September 20, 22	5.8 Solving Equations by Factoring <b>Review 1.4 &amp; Chapter 5 (In Class on 9/20/2021)</b> 6.1 Rational Expressions, Simplifying, Multiplication, Division <b>Test 3: 1.4 &amp; Chapter 5 (In Class on 9/22/2021)</b> 6.2 Addition, Subtraction of Polynomials	Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday Thursday
6	September 27, 29	6.4 Rational Equations	Tuesday Thursday
7	October 4, 6	7.2 Radical Expressions and Functions (Square Root Only) 7.3 Simplifying, Adding and Subtracting Radicals	Tuesday Thursday
8	October 11, 13	7.4 Multiplying, Dividing Radical <b>Quiz 4: Sections 7.2, 7.3, 7.4</b>	Tuesday Thursday
9	October 18, 20	7.6 Complex Numbers (No Division)	Tuesday Thursday
10	October 25, 27	<b>Review Chapters 6 &amp; 7 (In Class on 10/25/2021)</b>	Tuesday Thursday
11	November 1, 3	<b>Test 4: Chapters 6, 7 (In Class on 11/01/2021)</b>	Tuesday Thursday
12	November 8, 10	<b>Final Exam Review (In Class on 11/08/2021)</b>	Tuesday Thursday
13	November 15, 17	<b>Final Exam (In Class on 11/15/2021)</b>	Tuesday Thursday
14	November 22, 24		
15	November 29, Dec. 1		
16	December 6, 8		

**PLEASE NOTE:** The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

Census Day – September 8, 2022

W-Day – November 18, 2022

## 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.

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 8-week session is October 6. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is November 19. The last date to withdraw for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week session is December 2.

**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 [com.edu/coronavirus](http://com.edu/coronavirus) for future updates.