



Syllabus: MATH-1314-222CL (8900) College Algebra Spring 2024
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Class time: 7:30PM - 8:50PM, 08:51PM - 09:20PM
Location: STEAM Bldg. #22 **Room 119**, MW

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. Please specify which course you are contacting me about and follow the proper way to write your email. If your email is not clear/proper, no reply will be sent.

Student Hours: MML and practicing the required.

Office Hours: By appointment or times listed below:

MW
5:00PM-5:30PM Room 119

1. **Required Textbook**

The textbook used in this course is: College Algebra, by Beecher, Penna, Bittinger, fifth edition, published by Pearson.

2. **Textbook Purchase**

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.

3. **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.

4. **Technology**

A graphing calculator is needed for this course. A Texas Instruments TI 83 Plus or TI 84 Plus is recommended. A TI 89 or higher **cannot** be used for this course.

5. **Course Requirements**

Homework Assignments

There is an assigned homework for each section to be completed online using MyMathLab.

Quizzes and Exams

There are four quizzes, four chapters exams and a comprehensive final exam. All of the quizzes and exams are to be done online using MyMathlab. 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. There will be no extra credit. Please do not ask me to help you to pass the course. If you plan on applying yourself and devoting your time, you will pass.**

6. Determination of Course Grade

Grading Formula: The course grade will be determined by the following formula:

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

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)

7. Makeup policy:

There will be no makeup test for any missed test. However, if a test is missed and you notify me ahead of time, I might arrange for an alternative. No makeup will be granted to be taken during the regular class time. This policy is only good for **ONE MISSED EXAM**. Missing more than one exam will count as ZERO.

8. Course Outline

Date	Topics
W, Jan 17, 24	Course Orientation & Review of Requirements
	1. Graphs, Functions, and Models
	1.1 Introduction to Graphing
	1.2 Functions and Graphs
M, Jan 22, 24	1.3 Linear Functions, Slope, and Applications
	1.4 Equations of Lines and Modeling
W, Jan 24, 24	1.5 Linear Equations, Functions, Zeros, and Applications
	1.6 Solving Linear Inequalities
	Quiz 1: Sections 1.1-1.5
	2. More on Functions
M, Jan 29, 24	2.1 Increasing, Decreasing, and Piecewise Functions; Applications
	2.2 The Algebra of Functions
W, Jan 31, 24	2.3 The Composition of Functions
	2.4 Symmetry
M, Feb 5, 24	2.5 Transformations
	2.6 Variation and Applications
W, Feb 7, 24	Review for Exam 1
M, Feb 12, 24	Exam 1

3. Quadratic Functions and Equations; Inequalities	
W, Feb 14, 24	3.1 The Complex Numbers
	3.2 Quadratic Equations, Functions, Zeros, and Models
M, Feb 19, 24	3.3 Analyzing Graphs of Quadratic Functions
	3.4 Solving Rational Equations and Radical Equations
W, Feb 21, 24	3.5 Solving Equations and Inequalities with Absolute Value
4. Polynomial Functions and Rational Functions	
M, Feb 26, 24	4.1 Polynomial Functions and Models
	4.2 Graphing Polynomial Functions
W, Feb 28, 24	4.3 Polynomial Division; The Remainder Theorem and the Factor Theorem
	4.4 Theorems about Zeros of Polynomial Functions
M, Mar 4, 24	4.5 Rational Functions
	4.6 Polynomial Inequalities and Rational Inequalities
	Quiz 2: Finding Zeros – Sections 3.2, 4.3, 4.5
W, Mar 6, 24	Review for Exam 2
M, Mar 11, 24	Spring Break-No Class
W, Mar 13, 24	Spring Break-No Class
M, Mar 18, 24	Exam 2
5. Exponential Functions and Logarithmic Functions	
W, Mar 20, 24	5.1 Inverse Functions
	5.2 Exponential Functions and Graphs
	5.3 Logarithmic Functions and Graphs
M, Mar 25, 24	5.4 Properties of Logarithmic Functions
	5.5 Solving Exponential Equations and Logarithmic Equations
	Quiz 3: Graphing Techniques – Sections 5.1-5.3
W, Mar 27, 24	5.6 Applications and Models: Growth and Decay; Compound Interest
6. Systems of Equations and Matrices	
M, Apr 1, 24	6.1 Systems of Equations in Two Variables
	6.2 Systems of Equations in Three Variables
W, Apr 3, 24	6.3 Matrices and Systems of Equations
	6.4 Matrix Operations
M, Apr 8, 24	6.5 Inverses of Matrices
W, Apr 10, 24	Review for Exam 3
M, Apr 15, 24	Exam 3
W, Apr 17, 24	6.6 Determinants and Cramer's Rule
M, Apr 22, 24	6.7 Systems of Inequalities and Linear Programming
	6.8 Partial Fractions- Optional
	Quiz 4: Sections 6.2-6.4
W, Apr 24, 24	Review for Exam 4



M, Apr 29, 24	Exam 4
W, May 1, 24	Final Exam Review
M, May 6, 24	Final Exam Review
W, May 8, 24	Comprehensive Final Exam

9. Attendance Policy

You must log in and be active in MyMathLab at least four times a week. In addition to time spent doing homework, taking quizzes and exams, it will be necessary to study, using the course materials, at least 4 hours per week to be successful in the class.

10. 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 04/22/2024** (please verify).

11. 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 for you to meet your academic goals.

12. 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.

13. Concerns about the Instructor

If you have any concerns or issues with the instructor, you should first attempt to resolve the issue with the instructor. If you are unable to resolve the issue with the instructor, you should then contact then Mathematics Department Chair, Mr. Leslie Richardson at (409) 933-8329, lrichardson@com.edu.

14. Table Mapping SLO's and Core Objectives

Student Learner Outcomes	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this assignment
1. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, operations, compositions, and inverses.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Exam
2. Recognize and apply polynomial, rational, exponential and logarithmic functions and solve related equations.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Exam
3. Apply graphing techniques.	Visual Communication Skills (CS)	Quiz
4. Evaluate all roots (zeros) of higher degree polynomials and rational functions.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Quiz
5. Recognize, solve and apply systems of linear equations using matrices.	Empirical and quantitative Skills (EQS)	Exam

15. Grade Appeal Process:

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16. Academic Success & Support Services

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17. ADA Statement

Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodation is requested to contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or klachney@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

18. Counseling Statement:

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

Please Note:

Computer access and printing will be available on the following days and times in either Innovations or the Library Lab.

Monday:	7am – 6pm	Tuesday:	7am – 6pm
Wednesday:	8am – 6pm	Thursday:	7am – 6pm
Friday:	8am – 12pm	Saturday:	9am – 1pm

Here are the links for each of the labs. The hours are updated online.

<https://www.com.edu/computer-labs/library-computer-lab>

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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.

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Resources to Help with Stress:

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