

# South Plains College

## STEM MATH 1414 – College Algebra for Scientists & Engineers

Sections 002, M W 8:30 – 10:30 am

Math Bldg., Rm. 105

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Any questions or comments should be sent using **Blackboard email** (i.e., Course Messages) not your SPC email. SPC email will be used as a secondary communication tool.

### Response Times

I will do my best to respond to your email within the primary office hours availability zone posted on Blackboard. If the emails are overwhelming in volume then please allow me 72 hours = 3 business days of receipt Monday through Thursday throughout the regular business day Monday through Thursday to respond to your email. If I do not respond within 72 hours please email again.

Response times are dependent on whether my proposed method of emailing is respectively followed. In other words, if you decline to follow my instructions for emailing me through Blackboard and email me through my SPC email account then response times could take weeks.

**Messaging/Announcements:** Blackboard email and postings will be used as our primary virtual means of communication. SPC Email will be used as a secondary communication instrument since student emails can be overwhelmed by administrative emails. Your course will be contained within Blackboard. The instructor will post general announcements in Blackboard usually accompanied with email to your SPC email address.

You must check Blackboard homepage on a regular basis preferably daily.

### Office Hours:

| Monday   | Tuesday                   | Wednesday               | Thursday                  | Friday              |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 10:30 – 11a<br>(F2F)   | 10:45 – 11:45a<br>(F2F/V) | 2:30 – 3:30p<br>(F2F/V) | 10:45 – 11:45a<br>(F2F/V) | 1:30 – 3:30p<br>(V) |
| 2:30 – 4p<br>(F2F/V)   | 2:30 – 3:30p<br>(V)       |                         |                           |                     |
| or by appointment  |                           |                         |                           |                     |
| F2F = face-to-face   |                           |                         | V = virtual               |                     |
| You do not need an appointment for the physical (f2f) office hours. When you come by, I may be assisting another student, but please wait patiently, and I will attend to you eventually.  |                           |                         |                           |                     |
| For the virtual office hours, appointments are required to eliminate confusion of students from mixed classes. Please use <b>MS Bookings</b> located in College Algebra Blackboard, <i>Schedule Virtual Appointment</i> , under the category, <b>INSTRUCTOR INFO</b> . |                           |                         |                           |                     |

**Text:** College Algebra, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Robert Blitzer, Pearson (ISBN: 978-0-321-78228-1)

**Supplies:** Computer access, one flash drive, Scientific calculator (or graphing calculator), Graph paper, a ruler, (at least a 3 in ring) notebook, hole puncher, stapler, a staple puller, & a red pen/pencil.

(If your lack of responsibility results in you asking to borrow any of the supplies from me or anyone else then there will be automatic 5 point deduction from your final grade. **Bring your supplies to class everyday!**)

This will keep your coursework organized so you can easily access all your own work.

**Purpose:** This course is to provide a standard course in college algebra. Topics included are: quadratic equations, ratio & proportion, variation, the binomial theorem, progressions, inequalities, complex numbers, theory of equations, determinants & matrices, linear programming, mathematical induction, and permutations & combinations.

**Attendance:** Lectures, effort, and Q&A are the most important activities for success in this course. Records of your attendance are maintained throughout the semester. Maintaining a time management schedule for the online video lectures is crucial to avoid lagging in this class. The student is expected to attend at least eighty percent (80%) of the total class meetings and submit at least eighty percent (80%) of the total class assignments to have the best chance of success. Should this number be exceeded, the instructor has the right to drop the student with a grade of F or an X, depending on the instructor's discretion. If the student fails to meet these minimum requirements, the instructor may remove the student from the class with an X, upon their discretion, to help the student from harming their GPA. If the student cannot receive an X, the instructor will assign an F.

**Withdrawal:** If you wish to withdraw yourself from this class for any reason, you must initiate the appropriate steps on your own. There is a *Student Initiated Withdrawal* folder in the **College Algebra Blackboard (CA Bb)** course but I have set it with a couple of precautionary steps for your benefit.

## I. Equipment

### A. Online Essentials:

- 1.) Internet access
  - Working, reliable internet access with the ability to view videos via Blackboard or YouTube and participating in online conferences via Zoom.
- 2.) Computer (laptop highly recommended)
  - *Method to scan homework/tests.* You may be expected to scan your homework/tests and turn your homework (counting as the Notebook grade) in to the instructor under **verified extenuating circumstances** (refer to VII. F.) of this syllabus).
  - *Method(s) of scanning handwritten work to submit.* The free app CamScan is available. It is very user friendly and the scans are usually clear. You can scan a group of pages called a “batch”. If you have another suggestion then please feel free to contact me. Practice makes perfect in terms of time duration and thoroughness for these methods.
- 3.) Webcam
  - An online video conference program will be used as a tool to attend live lectures online through Blackboard and to monitor work activity under **verified extenuating circumstances**. Thus, online video conferencing requires students to have a webcam. If class must be attended virtually (Zoom, Blackboard Collaborate, etc.) due to **verified extenuating circumstances** then video and audio must be operable and executed during the entire class session for attendance or any other matter of credit.
- 4.) **Blackboard (Bb)**
  - The online course management system that will be used for this course.
  - A wealth of information is provided to you for this class in the **CA Bb**. All the information for this class will exist on Blackboard including but not limited to syllabus & compendium, homework assignments, worksheets supplements, videos, & etc., but additional material involves COVID material, Classroom Conduct, Technological & Equipment info & assistance, Tutoring opportunities, previous semester student evaluations, and miscellaneous administrative information. Please be responsible to log in to Blackboard and visit **CA Bb** page and peruse through it to become familiar with all the items.
    - Login at <http://southplainscollege.blackboard.com>. The user name and password should be the same as the MySPC and SPC email.
      - User name: first initial, last name, and last 4 digits of the Student ID
      - Password: Original Campus Connect Pin No. (located on SPC acceptance letter)
  - *Technical Support:* Student support is available by emailing [blackboard@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:blackboard@southplainscollege.edu) or calling 716-2962. When emailing a request for help, include your full name, course(s) enrolled in, name of instructor(s) and a phone number where you can be reached.
  - *Blackboard Tutorials.* Blackboard video tutorials are available at <http://ondemand.blackboard.com/students.htm>.
  - *Blackboard App.* A free Blackboard App is highly suggested and recommended and can be downloaded in the APP store specific to your cell phone and can be found on **CA Bb**.
- 5.) Calculator
  - You will need a scientific calculator for this course.
  - Recommended: TI-89 Titanium (for STEM majors) or TI-92.
  - Acceptable: TI-83, TI-83+, TI-84, TI-84+, or TI-84+ Silver Edition but many others are also acceptable.
  - Any other graphing calculator, you will need to read you manual to determine how to make the processes work.
  - The TI graphing calculator model is not allowed in this class: TI-Nspire.
  - Cell phones and similar devices may NOT be used as calculators and no sharing of calculators is allowed.
- 6.) Other Resources
  - You are expected to keep up with the schedule set forth by the due dates of the video lectures, homework assignments, and the exams. If you need help, please ASK! Here are some other good resources online:
    - Your instructor is your first and BEST resource for any help!!!!
    - Free online math videos at [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org), [www.patrickjmt.com](http://www.patrickjmt.com), [www.mathtv.com](http://www.mathtv.com), & MIT Opencourseware.
- 7.) Troubleshooting
  - Computer Issues
    - If your personal computer becomes "disabled", then you will need to seek an alternate computer source.

**Assignment Policy:** Homework will be assigned daily. The homework assignments may be graded periodically. *Note that the practice is required in order to more fully understand each topic and to successfully negotiate the quizzes and the tests.*

**Late homework is not accepted.**

**Assessments:** There will be random quizzes given over the assigned homework in which no make-ups will be allowed. The total number of quizzes for the semester is unpredictable but only a portion will count as the quiz grade. **Make-up quizzes will NOT be given.**

Worksheets will also be distributed and subjected for grading.

**Tests:** There will be four tests (final exam exclusive). Any excused (notification must be made in advance) missed exam will be discussed with the instructor. The final exam will be comprehensive since the intent of this class is preparation for College Algebra. The final exam can replace your lowest non-zero (**H.E.R.**) test grade provided that it is greater than the lowest non-zero test grade.

- 1.) **Make-up Policy:** There is no automatic provision for making up exams. Only under **verified extenuating circumstances** (e.g., death in the family, hospitalization, +COVID test) will make-up exams be inevitable. These situations will be dealt with on a trial-by-trial basis. If at all possible, the instructor should be notified prior to missing an exam.

**Grading Policy:** Your final grade will be based solely on major exam scores, homework/quiz average, and a comprehensive final.

- 1.) **Homework** will be graded either by completion or by correctness. If the homework procedure is not followed, deductions will be made. Below is the legend for homework graded on completion

|     |            |
|-----|------------|
| √++ | <b>100</b> |
| √+  | <b>75</b>  |
| √   | <b>50</b>  |
| √-  | <b>25</b>  |

- 2.) **Grading Score:** 
$$\text{Final score} = \frac{\text{Test 1} + \text{Test 2} + \text{Test 3} + \text{Quiz Avg.} + \text{Final Exam score}}{5}$$

- 3.) **NOTE:** If the final exam score is greater than the least non-zero major exam score (excluding the Homework/Quiz avg.) then the final exam score replaces the least non-zero major exam score. In other words, the major exam score will be deleted and the final exam score will count two times.

- 4.) **Grade Scale:**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| A: 90 and above | D: 60 – 69     |
| B: 80 - 89      | F: 59 or below |
| C: 70 - 79      |                |

- 5.) **Borderline Grades:** These grades will be evaluated with regard to attendance and mature conduct in class

- 6.) **Blackboard Gradebook:** Your grades will be accessible in **CA Bb** Gradebook. However, I consider Bb Gradebook the UNOFFICIAL grade because, at any time, it may not contain all your grades for the course. For your final score in this course, you will obtain at the end of the semester **through Texan Connect &/or Colleague.**

**STUDY:** You should normally spend approximately 2-3 hours outside of class in study for each hour of lecture. Some material will require more time than other material. Also, your mathematical background is a major factor in the time spent completing the homework. Try to study the assigned lesson as soon after the class meets if possible. With your greatest effort, try not to get behind on the homework! Refer to the “How to Study” sheet for further detailed studying suggestions.

1.) **Methods of Learning Assessment:**

- a.) **Handwritten notes for video lectures.** This helps both of us to be diligent in keeping your skills on pace.
- b.) **Online/Paper quizzes.** They are practice for the tests

2.) **Notebook (Organization):** Homework, quizzes, tests, and other useful material should be kept in a notebook in which the notebook will be used as a reference and study guide. The following material will be placed in the notebook in the order listed:

- a.) Cover sheet including Name, Class, and Semester
- b.) Syllabus
- c.) Assignment sheet
- d.) Notes
- e.) Work
- f.) Quizzes
- g.) Tests
- h.) Miscellaneous

Each section will be separated by a labeled divider and contain the appropriate procedure page corresponding to the section

(1.) \*To print all the material for your notebook, please visit the the **CA Bb** page. All printed material needs to be read at least once during the term of this course.\*

3.) **Tutoring:** Free tutoring is available in the Math-Engineering building (Levelland campus, room M116) and online. For the Math-Engineering building tutor, please remember to sign in when you seek help from a tutor. For free online tutoring, please refer to **CA Bb**.

4.) **Video Tapes:** Videos for many review topics in this course are available through the Mathematics Department on Blackboard. For username and password, please use *mvideos*. (Contd. On next page)

| Tape                       | Topic                             | Tape     | Topic                                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---|
| <b>College Algebra</b>     |                                   |          |   |
| 39, 60, 105, 106, 107      | Factoring                         | 132, 133 | Exponential & Logarithmic Functions         |
| 122, 301                   | Lines & Slope                     | 146      | Binomial Theorem                            |
| 49, 124                    | Functions                         | 134      | 2 x 2 systems                               |
|                            | Functions – Domain – Range Part 1 | 135      | 3 x 3 systems                               |
|                            | Functions – Domain – Range Part 2 | 137      | m x n systems                               |
| 67, 116                    | Complex Numbers                   | 140      | Operations with matrices                    |
| 64, 110                    | Linear Equations                  | 50, 138  | Solving systems of equations using matrices |
| 112, 113, 114              | Quadratic Equations               | 142      | Determinants                                |
| 118                        | Other Types of Equations          | 144      | Cramer’s Rule                               |
| <b>Analytical Geometry</b> |                                   |          |   |
| 310                        | Parabolas                         |          | Parametric Equations                        |
| 320                        | Ellipses                          | 335      | Polar coordinates                           |
| 325                        | Hyperbolas                        |          |   |

**Critical Dates:**

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|------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Sept 6     | Labor Day        | Nov 12                   | WEB Pre-registration for Spring & Summer 2022                      |
| Oct 15     | FALL Break       | Nov                      | Advising Day for Math, Computer Science, & Engineering majors only |
| Nov 24- 26 | Thanksgiving     |                          | Final Exam   |
| Dec 2      | Last day to drop | Dec 13 (8 – 10a, Monday) |  |

## Responsibilities & Consequences

### A. Student Responsibilities:

- 1.) Attend class, be aware of announcements made in class and on CA Bb, and ask questions when necessary.
- 2.) Work homework problems early enough to seek help if needed.
- 3.) Form (virtual) study groups.
- 4.) Work extra problems as required to understand each topic.
- 5.) Students are NOT required to wear a face mask while in SPC campus buildings or in outside areas. However, it is recommended.
- 6.) All students are encouraged to implement good hygiene measures such as washing hands regularly, using hand sanitizer, and covering coughs/sneezes. Hand sanitizing stations are available across all SPC locations.
- 7.) **\*\*Cell phones, laptops, and pagers during class! \*\***
  - a.) Cell phones and laptops are required to use in class in order to upload class work documents.
    - (1.) If the instructor determines that activation of a cell phone, pager, PDA, or laptop irrespectively interrupts the lecture or classroom discussion or impedes the progress of any student then the instructor will ask the student to leave either temporarily or permanently.
    - (2.) **No technologic devices such as cell phones, PDA's, etc. are to be used during tests or in-class quizzes but, at the instructor's discretion, may be used at the completion of tests and/or in-class quizzes. If due to technological disruption, the instructor may grant permission for a student(s) to use such devices for a test or in-class quiz.**
- 8.) **Follow the classroom policy, no food or drink allowed in the classroom if posted (located in DE Blackboard, in COURSE RESOURCES).**
- 9.) **In addition to the No Food or Drink classroom policy and in accordance to campus policy, no tobacco products are to be permitted and consumed in class.**
- 10.) **You will obtain your final grade for the class through Texan Connect &/or Colleague.**

**B. Cell Phone Policy:** All students will, during each class period and for its duration, place and keep their cell phone in its deactivated state, provided that they are at the present time in possession of said device, face-down in the right-hand corner and on the top surface of their desk unless the cell phone is used as a laptop function. If a student's cell phone activates and/or the student engages in text messaging during class at anytime during the semester, the student, by the instructor's discretion, could be permanently dismissed from the class for the remainder of the semester. If a student's cell is activated during class and/or the student engages in text messaging determined by the instructor, and **the student chose not to place their phone on top of their desk as mentioned above** then the student will be dismissed from the class by the instructor permanently.

**C. Academic Integrity:** The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension. For more detail, see "Academic Integrity" and "Student Conduct" in the South Plains College General Catalog.

- 1.) You are expected to work alone on all quizzes and tests. You are not allowed to use any electronic device other than your calculator during a quiz or test. If you choose to cheat, you will be withdrawn immediately from this class with a grade of "F."

**D. Academic Misconduct:** Complete honesty is required from students in all facets of course work including homework assignments, tests, and the final exam. See the South Plains College Catalog for more detail.

**E. Sanctions for Cheating or Plagiarizing:** A grade of "F" in the course will be assigned to any student caught cheating or plagiarizing; additional sanctions may also be considered. Students are responsible for understanding the meanings of the words cheating and plagiarizing.

**F. Verified Extenuating Circumstances:** If you happen to incur a sickness, contagious or not, and/or a family member incurs a sickness.

## Questions:

A. I invite all your questions **except** the following:

- 1.) I wasn't able to make it to class. Did I miss anything? (Yes.)
- 2.) Is this going to be on the test? (Perhaps, not directly, but if the ideas were not important, I would not be discussing them in class.)
- 3.) Do you have the tests graded? (I put forth my best effort to have the tests graded so as to return them the next class session. However, there are times due to uncontrollable factors that this may not be possible.)

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course and receiving a passing grade, the student will have mastered at least 70% of the course objectives. The course objectives state that the student will be able to:

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| a.) Perform arithmetic with complex numbers  | b.) Solve quadratic equations   |
| c.) Solve linear and absolute value inequalities                                   | d.) Solve quadratic and rational inequalities                                   |
| e.) Graph relations and functions (polynomial & rational)                          | f.) Find the zeros, asymptotes and domains of polynomial and rational functions |
| g.) Use exponential properties to solve exponential equations                      | h.) Use the properties of logarithms to solve logarithmic equations             |
| i.) Solve systems of linear equations using substitution, elimination and graphing | j.) Solve systems of nonlinear equations using substitution                     |
| k.) Solve linear systems using matrices  | l.) Use matrix operations to solve matrix equations                             |
| m.) Determine the inverse of a square matrix                                       | n.) Find the determinant of a matrix.   |
| o.) Apply midpoint, distance, and circle formulas                                  | p.) Use the Binomial Theorem to expand binomials of higher degree               |

## II. SPC Policies & Procedures

**A. COVID Statement:** It is the policy of South Plains College for the Fall 2021 semester that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are recommended to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. (This information and more regarding COVID is located on the **CA Blackboard** course).

- 1.) In compliance with GA-38, SPC will not require any person to wear a face covering. However, we support anyone who chooses to wear a face covering to maintain safety as greater numbers of students, employees, and visitors come to our different campuses.
- 2.) In compliance with GA-38, SPC will not require any person to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to visit our campuses or attend class. However, we strongly recommend getting the vaccine to better protect yourself and others from the COVID-19 virus.
- 3.) Students, faculty, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for a 14-day period. Students will be accommodated if the instructor becomes quarantined so they may continue their education without any unreasonable delays. If you, the student, test positive for COVID-19, you should contact your healthcare provider immediately to determine appropriate healthcare treatments, and you should also contact DeEtte Edens to evaluate your quarantine requirements. You, the student, should also contact your instructor to notify them you will be quarantined and to receive instructional guidance from your instructor.
- 4.) SPC encourages anyone who has a known positive exposure and has not been vaccinated to consider a self-quarantine or wear a face covering for the same 14-day period.
- 5.) SPC encourages anyone to go home and seek medical attention if you are experiencing any of the signs of COVID.
- 6.) SPC encourages all students to diligently continue personal health and safety protocols such as handwashing, covering coughs/sneezes, and considering vaccinations.

Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive, must contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu)

**B. Diversity:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world, and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**C. Disability Statement:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Special Services Office, preferably, early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Special Services Coordinator. For more information, call or visit the Special Services Office in the Student Services Building, 894-9611 ext. 2529.

**D. Nondiscrimination Policy:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**E. Sexual Misconduct**

It is important for you to know that all faculty members are mandated reporters of any incidents of sexual misconduct. That means that I cannot keep information about sexual misconduct confidential if you share that information with me. Dr. Lynne Cleavinger, the Director of Health & Wellness, can advise you confidentially as can any counselor in the Health & Wellness Center. They can also help you access other resources on campus and in the local community. You can reach Dr. Cleavinger at 716-2563 or [lcleavinger@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:lcleavinger@southplainscollege.edu) or go by the Health and Wellness Center. You can schedule an appointment with a counselor by calling 716-2529.

**F. Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**G. Campus Concealed Carry:** Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: ([http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\\_resources/policy\\_procedure/hhc.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php)) Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

*"It's not that I'm so smart; it's just that I stay with problems longer." -- Albert Einstein*

| <b>Course Outline</b>  |                   |  |
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| This schedule is tentative and subjective to change. Changes will be announced in class. |                   |  |
| Week   | Date              | Topics and Sections Covered  |
| 1  | 8/30, Mon         | <b>ASSESSMENT TEST</b><br>P.1 Real Number System & Algebra Properties<br>P.2 Scientific Notation<br>Factoring (Review)   |
|  | 9/1, Wed          | Set Notation & Set Theory<br>1.4 Complex Numbers<br>8.5 Binomial Theorem   |
| 2  | <i>9/6, Mon</i>   | <i>Labor Day</i>   |
|  | 9/8, Wed          | P.5 Factoring (Review) – GCF, Factor by Grouping, & Special Products<br>1.2 Linear & Rational Equations<br>1.3 Models & Applications (one variable only)             |
| 3  | 9/13, Mon         | 1.5 Quadratic Equations (Complete the Square included)<br><b>Literal Equations</b><br>Factoring  |
|  | 9/15, Wed         | 1.6 Other Types of Equations   |
| 4  | 9/20, Mon         | 1.7 Linear & Absolute Value Inequalities<br>3.6 Polynomial & Rational Inequalities   |
|  | 9/22, Wed         | TEST 1 (Equations)   |
| 5  | 9/27, Mon         | 2.3 Lines & Slope<br>Linear Regression<br>2.4 More on Slope<br>3.7 Modeling Using Variation  |
|  | 9/29, Wed         | 2.1 Basics of Functions<br>2.2 More on Functions & their Graphs  |
| 6  | 10/4, Mon         | 2.6 Composition of Functions<br>2.7 Inverse of Functions   |
|  | 10/6, Wed         | 2.5 Transformations of Functions   |
| 7  | 10/11, Mon        | 3.1 Quadratic Functions<br>3.3 Dividing Polynomials: Remainder and Factor Theorem  |
|  | 10/13, Wed        | 3.4 Zeros of Polynomial Functions<br>3.5 Rational Functions & Their Graphs   |
| 8  | 10/18, Mon        | 4.1 Exponential Functions<br>4.2 Logarithmic Functions   |
|  | 10/20, Wed        | TEST 2 (Functions)   |
| 9  | 10/25, Mon        | 4.3 Properties of Logarithms<br>4.4 Exponential & Logarithmic Equations<br>4.5 Exponential Growth & Decay: Modeling Data (Half-life & Newton's Law of Cooling)       |
|  | 10/27, Wed        | 5.1 Systems of Linear Equations in Two Variables<br>1.3 Formulas (Models) & Applications (two variables only)<br>5.4 Systems of Nonlinear Equations in Two Variables |
| 10   | 11/1, Mon         | 6.1 Matrix Solutions to Linear Systems (GJE)<br>6.5 Determinants & Cramer's Rules  |
|  | 11/3, Wed         | 6.2 Inconsistent & Dependent Systems & their Applications<br>Non-Square Systems  |
| 11   | 11/8, Mon         | Graph Theory   |
|  | 11/10, Wed        | 5.5 Systems of Inequalities<br>5.6 Linear Programming (Simplex Method)   |
| 12   | 11/15, Mon        | 5.3 Partial Fractions  |
|  | 11/17, Wed        | 8.1 Sequences<br>8.2 Arithmetic Sequences<br>8.3 Geometric Sequences   |
| 13   | 11/22, Mon        | TEST 3 (Systems of Equations)  |
|  | <i>11/24, Wed</i> | <i>Thanksgiving</i>  |



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| 14            | 11/29, Mon        | 8.4 Mathematical Induction<br>2.8 Distance & Midpoint Formulas; Circles |
|               | 12/1, Wed         | 7.3 Parabola<br>7.1 Ellipse   |
| 15            | 12/6, Mon         | 7.1 Ellipse contd.<br>7.2 Hyperbola                                     |
|               | 12/8, Wed         | Logic – Truth Tables & Gates  |
| <b>Finals</b> | <b>12/13, Mon</b> | <b><i>FINAL EXAM: 8 – 10 a</i></b>                                      |

**South Plains College**  
**Common Course Syllabus: MATH 1414**  
**Revised August 2021**

**Department:** Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

**Discipline:** Mathematics

**Course Number:** MATH 1414

**Course Title:** STEM College Algebra

**Available Formats:** conventional, hybrid, internet, and ITV

**Campuses:** Levelland, Reese, Plainview, Lubbock Center, and Dual Credit

**Course Description:** In-depth study and applications of polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions, and systems of equations using matrices. Additional topics such as sequences, series, probability, and conics may be included.

**Prerequisite:** Minimum score of 350 on the TSIA1, minimum score of 950 on the TSIA2, a diagnostic score of 6 on the TSIA2, TSI-exempt status, a successful completion with a grade of 'C' or better in MATH 0320, or successful completion of NCBM-0114.

**Credit:** 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 1

**Textbook:** *College Algebra*, Robert Blitzer, 2014, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Prentice Hall/Pearson Education

**Supplies:** Please see the instructor's course information sheet for specific supplies.

**This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:** Mathematics Foundational Component Area (020)

**Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:**

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Empirical and quantitative competency skills**—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course and receiving a passing grade, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, operations, compositions, and inverses.
2. Recognize and apply polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions and solve related equations.
3. Apply graphing techniques.
4. Evaluate all roots of higher degree polynomial and rational functions.
5. Recognize, solve and apply systems of linear equations using matrices.

**Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:** A pre- and post-test questions will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester

**Course Evaluation:** There will be departmental final exam questions given by all instructors.

**Attendance/Student Engagement Policy:** Attendance and engagement are the most critical activities for success in this course. The instructor maintains records of the student's attendance and submission of assignments throughout the semester. The student is expected to attend at least eighty percent (80%) of the **total** class meetings **and** submit at least eighty percent (80%) of the **total** class assignments to have the best chance of success. If the student fails to meet these minimum requirements, the instructor may remove the student from the class with an X, upon their discretion, to help the student from harming their GPA. If the student can not receive an X, the instructor will assign an F.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain an unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

**COVID Syllabus Statement:** It is the policy of South Plains College that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. There will be no requirement for face coverings at any location on any South Plains College campus or classroom. Faculty, staff, or students may continue to wear a mask voluntarily, but there will be no requirements for face coverings in any circumstance. Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive, must contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Disability Statement:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Nondiscrimination Policy:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or [email rcanon@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:rcanon@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**Campus Concealed Carry:** Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>  
Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

**SPC Bookstore Price Match Guarantee Policy:** If you find a lower price on a textbook, the South Plains College bookstore will match that price. The difference will be given to the student on a bookstore gift certificate! The gift certificate can be spent on anything in the store.

If students have already purchased textbooks and then find a better price later, the South Plains College bookstore will price match through the first week of the semester. The student must have a copy of the receipt and the book has to be in stock at the competition at the time of the price match.

The South Plains College bookstore will happily price match BN.com & books on Amazon noted as *ships from and sold by Amazon.com*. Online marketplaces such as *Other Sellers* on Amazon, Amazon's Warehouse Deals, *fulfilled by Amazon*, BN.com Marketplace, and peer-to-peer pricing are not eligible. They will price match the exact textbook, in the same edition and format, including all accompanying materials, like workbooks and CDs.

A textbook is only eligible for price match if it is in stock on a competitor's website at time of the price match request. Additional membership discounts and offers cannot be applied to the student's refund.

Price matching is only available on in-store purchases. Digital books, access codes sold via publisher sites, rentals and special orders are not eligible. Only one price match per title per customer is allowed.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.

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