

South Plains College  
Mathematics Department  
**Developmental Mathematics (NCBM 0105)**  
Course Syllabus  
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**Course Description: NCBM 0105 - Developmental Mathematics (BASE NCBM). (1:1:0)** Topics in mathematics, such as arithmetic operations, basic algebraic concepts and notation, geometry, and real and complex number systems are taught to prepare students for Beginning Algebra, MATH 0315. This course is designed for students who have tested at an ABE level of 4 or lower. This course will not satisfy graduation requirements. (copied from the current SPC catalog)

### Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Use appropriate symbolic notation and vocabulary to communicate, interpret, and explain mathematical concepts.
2. Define, represent, and perform operations on real numbers, applying numeric reasoning to investigate and describe quantitative relationships and solve real world problems in a variety of contexts.
3. Use algebraic reasoning to solve problems that require ratios, rates, percentages, and proportions in a variety of contexts using multiple representations.
4. Apply algebraic reasoning to manipulate expressions and equations to solve real world problems.
5. Use graphs, tables, and technology to analyze, interpret, and compare data sets.
6. Construct and use mathematical models in verbal, algebraic, graphical, and tabular form to solve problems from a variety of contexts and to make predictions and decisions.

**Textbook:** No textbook is required for this course. However, the instructor may recommend a textbook for additional study.

**Attendance:** The student will be required to communicate with the instructor at least once per week for the duration of this course. Failure to communicate at least once per week with the instructor will result in the student being dropped from the course.

**Grading:** This course will be graded on a pass/fail basis. Once the student has completed the course with at least 90% mastery, the student will have earned a grade of P, indicating “passing” for the course. If the student does not achieve a 90% level of mastery, the student will have earned a grade of F and will be required to complete the course again.

**Supplies:** Access to a computer with an internet connection is required for this course.

### Accessing the Course Diagnostic and Learning Modules:

**Creating an Account:** First, the student will need to create an account at <https://southplainscollege.edready.org>. Here are the steps:

1. Go to this website and choose the “Get Started” option. If you already have an EdReady account, then choose the “Log In” option at the upper-right corner of the screen.
2. Complete the brief form on the “Sign Up for EdReady” screen.
3. After setting up a username and password, choose the “Enter a key to add goals” option. Your key for this course is **NCBM0105\_Albus\_fall2017**.

**Taking the Initial Diagnostic Test:** Second, after creating the account, you will need to take the initial diagnostic test.

- Please allow at least one hour for this test. However, if you need more time or need to step away, there is an option to save and exit.
- After completing this initial diagnostic test, contact your instructor for next steps to complete the requirements for this course.

**Disability:** 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) & Lubbock Center 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

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As a faculty member, I am deeply invested in the well-being of each student I teach. I am here to assist you with your work in this course. If you come to me with other non-course-related concerns, I will do my best to help.

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.