

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: MATH 0315
Revised December 2019

Department: Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

Discipline: Mathematics **Course Number:** MATH 0315 **Course Title:** Beginning Algebra

Available Formats: conventional and internet

Campuses: Levelland, Reese, Plainview, and Lubbock Center

Course Description: This course is designed for those students who need MATH 0314 or MATH 0324 and did not score a minimum of 340 on the TSIA. It includes properties of signed numbers, algebraic expressions, linear equations in one unknown and geometry. Time in a math lab is required. This course will not satisfy graduation requirements. The course is required if testing indicates a need.

Prerequisite: Max score of 339 on TSIA without an ABE score or successful completion of NCBM 0105.

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

Textbook: *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra*, Sullivan/Struve/Mazzarella, 2018, 4th 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: No

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

1. Add, subtract, multiply and divide real numbers.
2. Use the order of operations to simplify an expression.
3. Simplify algebraic expressions.
4. Solve linear equations.
5. Translate and solve word problems.
6. Solve linear inequalities.
7. Graph equations in two variables by the intercept method and the slope intercept method.
8. Evaluate expressions using exponent rules.
9. Add, subtract, multiply and divide polynomials.
10. Factor polynomials.
11. Solve quadratic equations by factoring.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: None

Course Evaluation: There will be a comprehensive departmental final exam given by all instructors.

Attendance Policy: Attendance and effort are the most important activities for success in this course. Records of your attendance are maintained throughout the semester. Five (5) absences, *for any reason*, are allotted to the student for the semester. Tardies count as one-half (1/2) of an absence. Tardies will be applied for consistently being late to class, as deemed by the instructor and leaving class early. If this number is exceeded, the instructor has the right to drop you with a grade of F or an X, depending on their discretion.

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.

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 cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@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.

Homework: If you do not want to spend all of your time in front of the computer, the homework assignments may be printed, worked on paper, and then the answers can be entered at a different time. You can log out and come back to work homework assignments. You should not settle for less than a 100 on all homework assignments since you can rework all problems until you get them right. If you miss a problem, or if you just want more practice, hit “similar exercise” at the bottom of the screen for a new problem to work. Three homework grades will be dropped. ****Make sure you are working the problems on notebook paper showing all correct steps since you will have to show the correct steps on the proctored exams.**

Exams: Three of your exams will be found in MML. You are allowed only one attempt to complete each exam. These exams are timed and proctored using the Proctorio program. You will get the full amount of time unless you start the exam right before the deadline. Then, you forfeit the full amount of time. For example, if the exam allows 2 hours to complete, and you start the exam 30 minutes prior to the deadline, then you are only allowed 30 minutes to complete the exam. Exams will not be dropped. Exams will require you to show your steps on each problem. Once you submit your exam, you will need email your work as a PDF attachment to me through MML. Your work is due within 10 minutes of submitting your exam. If your work is not emailed within 10 minutes, it will not be accepted, and you will receive a zero for your exam grade.

Final Exam: There will be a comprehensive final exam at the end of the semester that will be proctored in person. This exam will be done on paper showing all of your steps correctly. You will need to bring a photo ID, an approved calculator, pencils, and erasers with you. You may bring a piece of paper (no larger than 8 ½” x 11”) with you to use on the final exam. You may use the front and back writing down anything you want to use on the exam. TI-89, TI-92, and TI-Nspire calculators along with cell phones, smart watches, or any other electronic device will not be allowed during the proctored final exam. If you live within 50 miles of the Reese or Lubbock Campus, you will choose one of the dates and times on campus to take your exam. Please see the “Proctored Exam Form” to see a list of all dates and times for the exam. If you live outside of 50 miles of the Reese or Lubbock campus, you will be required to find your own proctor and test on one of the dates listed on the “Proctored Exam Form” and on the course calendar. **All proctors MUST BE APPROVED by the instructor.** The proctor cannot be a relative, friend, coworker, or anyone with a conflict of interest. There is a “Proctored Exam Form” in Blackboard that will have to be completed by EVERY student. **This form is due on Monday, January 27.** If you are finding your own proctor, you will need to get on that right away!

Grading Scale and

A: 90 – 100
 B: 80 – 89
 C: 70 – 79
 D: 60 – 69
 F: 0 – 59

Policy:

Homework	10 %
Exam 1	20 %
Exam 2	20 %
Exam 3	20 %
Final Exam	30 %