



Sophomores
MTH 158, College Algebra

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Course Syllabus

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Instructor Availability:

Between 10:30-3:00 M-F

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9:00-12:30 Sat by appointment

Response Time:

You can reach me by e-mail or text to the above personal number. I respond quickly to text messages but please put your **course name** and **number** in the subject line in both cases to expedite response.

i.e. Jon Anderson MTH 163 can we meet for tutoring on Jul 3.

(I do not have full access to either device during the hours of 7:30 to 10:30. I usually respond within 24 hours during the week and 48 on weekends)

Course Description:

Covers the structure of complex number systems, polynomials, rational expressions, graphing, systems of equations and inequalities and functions, quadratic and rational equations and inequalities.

Class Meeting Times:

Gobies

Tuesday 8-9:10

Thursday 8-9:10

Friday 8-9:10

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Monday 9:15-10:25

Wednesday 8-9:15

Thursday 9:15-10:30

Other Dates of Importance:

1st Interims: Sept 29

End of Nine weeks: Oct 30, Jan 15

Course Credit: 3 credits

Prerequisites:

Competency in Math Essentials [MTE 1-5](#) as demonstrated through the placement and diagnostic tests, or by satisfactorily completing the required MTE units or equivalent.

Objectives

The student will be able to:

1. Solve various types of equations and inequalities, including, but not limited to linear and quadratic.
2. Find the equation of a line and graph it, given various information.
3. Determine if a relation represents a function and find its domain and range from its equation or graph.
4. Test for symmetry both algebraically and graphically.
5. Graph functions, and perform various operations on functions and find its domain.
6. Use a graphing calculator to find the curve of best fit when given real data.
7. Identify polynomials and their zeros.
8. Graph polynomial and quadratic functions and analyze their graphs.
9. Analyze the graph of a rational function.
10. Solve polynomial and rational inequalities.
11. Perform operations with complex numbers.
12. Solve systems of linear equations and inequalities in 2 variables

Method of Instruction

There will be one day a week set aside for explanation/lecture. Homework will be assigned on a regular basis covering material from the lectures and/or the textbook on Mathxlforschool. Each student is expected to complete the assigned material from the previous week by the first day of the next week. A quiz will be given each **Thursday** covering cumulative material for the semester. Your success in the course will depend on preparation, good note taking and completing homework assignments.

Instructional Materials

Precalculus, 4th ed., R. Blitzer; Prentice Hall Publishing, 2010, ISBN 9780321559845 will be used both semesters. The first semester it will be a reference and can be found on Mathxlforschool and a classroom table set will be available in class.

A graphing calculator is an essential tool for this course and each student is expected to have one by 2nd nine weeks. . The TI-83+ or TI-84 (silver edition) model is recommended because that is the model that will be used for demonstrations in class. The TI-92, TI-89 and similar calculators that possess a CAS (computer algebra system) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON TESTS. IF you choose to use a Casio, please understand it will not be covered in class. **You may check calculators out in the office. Please remember to return at the end of the school year. We will NOT use a Calculator for simple calculations and they will NOT be allowed first nine weeks as we develop the basic foundation.**

Grading and Evaluation /Testing Policy

You may want a **3-ring binder (½ - 1 inch) for each semester**. BE ORGANIZED. Your homework should be done on Mathxlforschool but you can print them out and place them in your binder if you want. I expect classroom notes and graded assessments in the binder. It is advised to have a section of additional **loose leaf paper** in this notebook for classroom assignments. Points will be awarded throughout the year for the following graded assignments: Quizzes & Tests, Projects, Worksheets, Participation and Mathxlforschool. There will be 2 test per

nine weeks and a quiz each week that is not a test week. We will also have unit projects worth 50 points each. This class is on an overall point system. Quizzes are worth 24-28 points each and test is worth 100 points. Extra credit can be earned on Monthly NCTM calendars.

Since mathematics is a process, I will be grading your work as well as the final answer on both quizzes and test. Therefore, you **MUST** show your work. Never leave a question Blank. A question on a test will be worth total of 4 pts. - you can earn a 0 for a blank, 1 for some work, 2-3 work but not correct or complete answer, 4 – correct work and answer, it also should be precise and neat.

The following grading scale will be used to determine your final grade:
90-100% A ,80-89% B , 70-79% C , 60-69% D , Below 60% F

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend ALL classes. Attendance will be reported to parents on interims and grade reports. In the event of five(5) or more absences in a marking period, a parent conference will be requested. Please see handbook for additional information.

Other Electronic Devices:

Please see hand book.

Honor Policy

Please read the honor policy and understand that it **WILL** be adhered too.

Please write the pledge on any assignment that will be taken for a grade such as a test or project.

➔ *I pledge that I have neither received nor given assistance on this work.*

Please read the handbook for any additional information

Learning Sequence

1st Semester

Week	Topic (book chapter/section)	Fuction	Notes/Objectives
August 22-21	Unit 1 New student orientation- Create Library of Functions P.7-P.8 One variable, Linear Equations, P.9 Inequalities and Absolute values	Constant	Obj 1,4
August 31-Sept 3	Part of Chapter 1 Two variable, Linear Equations	Line	Obj 1,2,3, 4,5,6
Sept 8-11	Two variable Linear inequalities /Absolute Value	Absolute value	Obj 1
Sept 14-18	7.1, 7.5 Systems of linear equations in two variables and Inequalities		Obj 12
Sept 21-25	Review Test on Sept 24 th		

Sept 28-Oct 2	Unit 2 P.3, 2.1 Complex numbers, Radicals	Square root/Radical	Obj 11 OBJ 1,3,4,5 Grades for Interims calculated on Sept 29 th and will be sent out on Oct 3 rd
Oct 5-9	2.2 Quadratic Equations Factoring, Completing the square, Quadratic Formula 2.8 Direct variation 7	Quadratic	Obj 1,3, 4, 5,6
Oct 12-16	1.9, 9.1 – 9.3 Basic Conics	(none basic function conics)	
Oct 19-23	7.4 System of Non Linear Equations in Two variables		
Oct 26- 30	Review Quadratic Test on Oct 29th		End of Nine weeks on Oct 30 th , Report cards out by Nov 6 th
Nov 2-6	Unit 3 P.4-5 , 2.3-2.5 Polynomials Equations	Root polynomial (also cubics)	Obj 7,8
NOve 9-13	2.7 a Polynomial Inequalities		Obj 10
Nov 16-20	Process on solving polynomials and review		
Nov 23-24	Test on Day we meet		
Nov 30-Dec 4	Unit 4 b, 2.6 Rational Functions and Their Graphs	Rational	Obj 9 Grades for Interims calculated on Dec 1 st , and will be sent out only for those with C- or below on Dec 4 th .
Dec 7- Dec 11	2.7 b Rational Inequalitie 2.8 Inverse and joint variation		Obj 10
Dec 14-Dec 18	Review Test on Dec 17th		
Jan 4-Jan 8	Review concepts in semester Catch up		
Jan 11-Jan 15	EXAM Jan 14th		End of Nine Weeks on Jan 15 th Reports cards out by Jan 22 nd .