

South Plains College Common Course Syllabus: MATH 0315.203**Revised January 2021****Instructor:** Seth Rose **Office:** N/A

Office Hours: Students are required to schedule appointments with the instructor through email. The primary technology that will be utilized to conduct meetings will be through Blackboard Collaborate. Meetings should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

Important Note: The instructor will hold 40 minutes of available walk-in discussion time before each class, and 20 minutes after class. These meetings will occur within the assigned classroom. I highly encourage each of you to utilize this time to ask questions regarding homework assignments and extra credit assignments.

Availability by Appointment: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**Conditional Availability by Appointment: Thursday & Friday****Department:** Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science **Discipline:** Mathematics**Course Number:** MATH 0315 **Course Title:** Beginning Algebra**Available Formats:** conventional/flex and internet**Campus:** Reese **Building:** 2 **Room:** 216

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. This course will not satisfy graduation requirements. The course is required if testing indicates a need.

Prerequisite: Maximum score of 339 on TSIA without an ABE score or a successful completion of NCBM 0105

Credit: 3 Lecture: 3 Lab 1**Class Meeting Times:** Monday & Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:45pm (Reese campus)

Students are required to attend class on campus. However; if maximum capacity is exceeded, overflow students will utilize Blackboard Collaborate (online instruction) in conjunction with on campus instruction. If this was to occur, students who would be learning through online instruction would have to attend class on the scheduled meeting days.

If a student is required to quarantine due to testing positive for Covid-19, the student will have access to the course material through Blackboard and will be able to attend class virtually through Blackboard Collaborate if they are able to do so. Quizzes and exams would then be taken on Blackboard through Proctorio.

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. (sec 1.4, 1.5)
2. Use the order of operations to simplify an expression. (sec 1.7)
3. Simplify algebraic expressions. (sec 1.8)
4. Solve linear equations. (sec 2.1, 2.2, 2.3)
5. Translate and solve word problems. (sec 2.4, 2.5, 2.6)
6. Solve linear inequalities. (sec 2.8)
7. Graph equations in two variables by the intercept method and the slope intercept method. (sec 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4)
8. Evaluate expressions using exponent rules. (sec 5.2, 5.3)
9. Add, subtract, multiply and divide polynomials. (sec 5.1, 5.4, 5.5)
10. Factor polynomials. (sec 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5)
11. Solve quadratic equations by factoring. (sec 6.6)

Textbook: *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra*, Sullivan/Struve/Mazzarella, 2018, 4th Edition, Prentice Hall/Pearson Education. ISBN 978-0-13-455607-9

Important Textbook Note: The above textbook is not required for this course. The South Plains College Department of Mathematics and Engineering has put a copy of the textbooks for this course on reserve in the *Levelland and Reese Campus* Libraries. You may choose to utilize this resource provided to you. If you wish to obtain a copy of the textbook, you can rent or purchase the book from the Levelland or Reese bookstores. Additionally, the textbook can be found much cheaper online through various book providers. The instructor will provide links via Blackboard where you can purchase or rent the material at a cheaper price if you wish to have a copy of the book.

Calculators: Calculators (including cell phones or graphing calculators) are NOT allowed at the beginning of Math 0315. As the semester progresses, students may find the use of a non-graphing calculator to be beneficial. Such calculators include: Texas Instruments® TI-30X IIS Solar Scientific Calculator (\$13 at Walmart), Texas Instruments TI-30XS MultiView Scientific Calculator (\$16 at Walmart), or any variant as long as the calculator is purely a scientific one. The instructor will notify the students in advance as to when it becomes appropriate to use these types of calculators on quizzes and exams.

Free online material: Openstax contains a free online library which contains a Pre-algebra 2e textbook and an Algebra 2e textbook. The information that will be covered in this course can be found within these free online textbooks. The instructor will also provide links via Blackboard for the Openstax material.

Free online video series: Dr. Plant, Chairperson of the South Plains College Mathematics Department, has graciously provided an online video series that can be accessed through YouTube. A link will be provided via Blackboard for this series. You may choose to utilize this material as supplemental instruction. However, we will be covering the required material through lectures within class.

In Person Tutoring: Students can obtain free tutoring at the Levelland (M 116), Reese (building 2 RC 207), and Lubbock (computer lab) campuses. Tutoring schedules will be posted around the campuses. Additionally, the instructor will check with these campuses to acquire tutoring schedules and provide them via Blackboard when available.

Online Tutoring: Free online tutoring will become available sometime during the semester. The instructor will add a link to this tutoring program to the course Blackboard page when it becomes possible to do so.

Homework: Homework will be assigned daily from either the aforementioned textbook, or through worksheets that the instructor creates. If work is assigned from the textbook, the instructor will provide you with the assigned problems. Students should show all their work when completing homework problems. Again, the textbook is not required. Homework will be assigned and turned in through Blackboard. You must submit all work in PDF format. Homework that is submitted late will be rejected and a grade of zero will be given to the student. Please refer to the course calendar for details about homework assignments.

Quizzes: Each quiz will be given at the beginning of class on Mondays unless an exam is scheduled on the calendar. Students should show all their work when completing a quiz. The purpose for administering quizzes is to evaluate student comprehension of the material being covered throughout each week. Upon completing your quiz, you will indicate that you are finished before submitting your work on Blackboard. You must submit all quizzes in PDF format before the lecture begins. There are no makeups for quizzes. During the quizzes the use or possession of a smartphone, smart watch, laptop, tablet, or any other electronic device is prohibited. Students are not permitted to leave the classroom during quizzes. Please refer to the course calendar for details about quiz assignments.

Exams: There will be 4 in class exams administered throughout the semester. Students should show all their work when completing an exam. Exams will be announced one week prior to the scheduled exam date. The class before a scheduled exam date will be a review day (some days we will have to cover at least one section before we review for the upcoming exam). Each exam will be administered during class. Upon completing your exam, you will indicate that you are finished before submitting your work on Blackboard. You must submit all work in PDF format. There are no makeups for exams. During the exams the use or possession of a smartphone, smart watch, laptop, tablet, or any other electronic device is prohibited. Students are not permitted to leave the classroom during exams. Please refer to the course calendar for details about reviews and exam dates.

Final Exam: There will be a comprehensive final exam administered during finals week. Students must attempt the final exam. Students should show all their work when completing the final exam. Students will not be allowed to attempt the final exam past the scheduled date. Students are not permitted to leave the classroom during the final exam.

Classroom participation: Students should be aware that taking notes, effectively, is a key to success. Therefore; students are required to takes notes during lectures. This should be done using paper and not electronic devices. This will assure the instructor that you are being diligent and paying attention during class.

Technology: Electronic Devices should not be used during class, quizzes, or exams unless work is being submitted. This includes but is not limited to smartphones, smartwatches, laptops, tablets, etc. As stated in the syllabus, all students are required to indicate to the instructor that they are finished with a quiz or exam before submitting their work. Other than this, electronic devices are not allowed.

Grading Scale: 90 or above A, 80-89 B, 70-79 C, 60-69 D, below 60 F

Grade distribution:

Assignments	Number of Assignments and Exams	Percentage of Grade
Assessment	1	None
Homework	20	10%
Quizzes	8	10%
Exams	4	60%
Final	1	20%
Total:	34 assignments	100%

Important Note: 80% of the final grade is obtained through semester exams and one (1) final. Thus, it is of great importance for students to stay diligent with their homework and study for quizzes as it will help in preparation for exams.

Extra Credit Opportunities: Weekly extra credit opportunities will be distributed along with the homework. These E.C. opportunities will be due before each exam. Successful completion of the extra credit assignments will result in a 5-point bonus added to the exam score. It is recommended that students complete homework assignments before attempting the E.C. opportunities. As before, all work must be submitted in PDF format. Failure to do so will result in zero extra credit. Please refer to the course calendar for extra credit due dates.

Required Supplies: Writing implements, paper, and Adobe Scan from your Appstore. To my knowledge it is free from both the iPhone and Android app stores. We will discuss how to use this app in class the first day so students understand how to submit their work in PDF format.

Suggested Supplies: 3-inch binder with dividers and a monthly planner.

Attendance Policy: Attendance and effort are the most important activities for success in this course. The instructor maintains records of the student's engagement throughout the semester. The student will be allowed to miss twenty percent (20%) of class assignments for the semester, *for any reason*. 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.

Withdrawal: If you wish to withdraw from this class for any reason, you must initiate the appropriate steps on your own. To withdraw from this class, you will need to go to the Admissions and Records office either on the Levelland campus, the Reese Center campus, or the Lubbock Center, and fill out a drop notification form, and pay \$5. The drop form can be obtained online in MySPC, under the Student Forms and Tools link.

Please be aware that SPC may not permit an undergraduate student to drop a total of more than six courses (including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education) if the student enrolled in college for the first time during the Fall 2007 academic term or any term subsequent to the Fall 2007 term.

Plagiarism Violations:

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 or quiz.
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 exam, quiz, 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
10. Utilizing apps or online recourses that solve your homework problems for you.

Updated COVID Statement: It is the policy of South Plains College for the Spring 2021 semester 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. Such behaviors specifically include the requirement that all students properly wear CDC-compliant face coverings while in SPC buildings including in classrooms, labs, hallways, and restrooms. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom or lab after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Dean of Students on the Levelland campus or the Dean/Director of external centers for Student Code of Conduct Violation. 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.

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 [e mail c gilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:gilster@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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20 Forms and Assessments	January 21	January 22	January 23
January 24	January 25 1.4, 1.5	January 26	January 27 1.6, 1.7	January 28 HW 1 due (1.4,1.5)	January 29	January 30 HW 2 due (1.6, 1.7)
January 31	February 1 Quiz 1 1.8, 2.1	February 2	February 3 2.2, 2.3	February 4 HW 3 due (1.8, 2.1)	February 5	February 6 HW 4 due (2.2, 2.3)
February 7	February 8 Quiz 2 Review for Exam 1	February 9	February 10 EXAM 1 E.C. 1 due	February 11	February 12	February 13
February 14	February 15 2.4, 2.5	February 16	February 17 2.6	February 18 HW 5 due (2.4, 2.5)	February 19	February 20 HW 6 due (2.6)
February 21	February 22 Quiz 3 2.7	February 23	February 24 2.8, 3.1	February 25 HW 7 due (2.7)	February 26	February 27 HW 8 due (2.8, 3.1)
February 28	March 1 Quiz 4 3.2, 3.3	March 2	March 3 3.4 Review for Exam 2	March 4 HW 9 due (3.2, 3.3)	March 5	March 6 HW 10 due (3.4)
March 7	March 8 EXAM 2 E.C. 2 due	March 9	March 10 5.1, 5.2	March 11	March 12	March 13 HW 11 due
March 14	March 15 SPRING BREAK!	March 16 SPRING BREAK!	March 17 SPRING BREAK!	March 18 SPRING BREAK!	March 19 SPRING BREAK!	March 20
March 21	March 22 5.3, 5.4	March 23	March 24 5.5, 4.1	March 25 HW 12 due (5.3, 5.4)	March 26	March 27 HW 13 due (5.5, 4.1)
March 28	March 29 Quiz 5 4.2	March 30	March 31 Review for Exam 3	April 1 HW 14 due (4.2)	April 2 Easter Break!	April 3
April 4	April 5 EXAM 3 E.C. 3 due	April 6	April 7 6.1 6.2	April 8	April 9	April 10 HW 15 due (6.1, 6.2)
April 11	April 12 Quiz 6 6.3	April 13	April 14 6.4	April 15 HW 16 due (6.3)	April 16	April 17 HW 17 due (6.4)
April 18	April 19 Quiz 7 6.5	April 20	April 21 6.6	April 22 HW 18 due (6.5)	April 23	April 24 HW 19 due (6.6)
April 25	April 26 Quiz 8 6.7	April 27	April 28 Review for Exam 4	April 29 HW 20 due (6.7)	April 30	May 1
May 2	May 3 EXAM 4 E.C. 4 due	May 4	May 5 FINAL EXAM REVIEW	May 6	May 7	May 8
May 9	May 10 FINAL EXAMS WEEK	May 11 FINAL EXAMS WEEK	May 12 FINAL EXAMS WEEK	May 13 FINAL EXAMS WEEK	May 14	May 15
May 16	May 17 FINAL GRADES DUE.					

