

Prerequisite: Intermediate Algebra (MAT 137) with a “C” grade or better or appropriate placement through multiple-measures assessment process.

Text: College Algebra, 4th ed, Beecher, Penna, Bittinger (ISBN 10: 0321725603)

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Course Description: This course is a thorough and rigorous algebra course, that strengthens the proficiency with algebraic skills and the conceptual understanding needed to be successful in the Calculus sequence. The topics include: sets, number line, graphing functions, polynomials, exponential, logarithmic and rational functions, rational exponents, conic sections, right triangle trigonometry, matrices, polynomial, exponential, logarithmic and radical equations, linear and quadratic inequalities, absolute value equations and inequalities, linear and nonlinear systems.

Course Content:

Chapter 1, 1.1 - 1.6

Graphing 1.1
 Functions and Graphs 1.2
 Equations of Lines and Modeling 1.3
 Linear Equations, Functions 1.4
 Solving Linear Inequalities 1.5

Zeros of Polynomials Functions 4.4
 Rational Functions 4.5
 Polynomial and Rational inequalities 4.6

Chapter 2, 2.1 - 2.5

Functions 2.1
 The Algebra of Functions 2.2
 The Composition of Functions 2.3
 Symmetry and Transformations 2.4
 Variation and Applications 2.5

Chapter 5, 5.1 - 5.6

Inverse Functions 5.1
 Exponential Functions and Graphs 5.2
 Logarithmic Functions and Graphs 5.3
 Properties of Logarithmic Functions 5.4
 Solving Exponential and Logarithmic equations 5.5
 Applications and Models 5.6

Chapter 3, 3.1 - 3.5

The Complex Numbers 3.1
 Quadratic Equations, Models 3.2
 Graphs of Quadratic equations 3.3
 Rational and Radical Equations 3.4
 Solving Equations and Inequalities with Absolute Values 3.5

Chapter 6, 6.1 - 6.6, 6.8

Systems of Equations in 2 Variables 6.1
 Systems of Equations in 3 Variables 6.2
 Matrices and Systems of Equations 6.3
 Matrix Equations 6.4
 Inverses of Matrices 6.5
 Determinants and Cramer's Rule 6.6
 Partial Fraction Decomposition 6.8

Chapter 4, 4.1 - 4.6

Polynomials Functions and Models 4.1
 Graphing Polynomials Functions 4.2
 Polynomial Division, The remainder Theorem 4.3

Chapter 7, 7.1 - 7.4

Parabola 7.1
 The Circle and the Ellipse 7.2
 The Hyperbola 7.3
 Nonlinear Systems of Equations and Inequalities 7.4

Course Objectives:

After the successful completion of the course the student must be able to:

1. Define Absolute Value, Find Distances on the Number Line, on the Coordinate Plane

2. Simplify Expressions with Rational Exponents, Write them in Radical Form, Simplify, Combine, Rationalize Radical Expressions
3. Solve Linear and Quadratic Inequalities, Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities, Express Answers in Interval Form
4. Perform Operations on Complex numbers, Conjugates, Represent Complex Numbers Graphically.
5. Perform Operations on Radical Expressions, Rational Exponents, Solve Radical Equations
6. Find the Domain and Range of Functions, Combine Functions, Identify Odd and Even functions, Graph Piece-wise Defined Functions, Find Compositions of Functions, Inverses, Transformations of Functions.
7. Find the Characteristics of Polynomial Functions, Solve Polynomial equations, Find Zeroes (roots) and X-intercepts of Polynomials, Apply the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, The Remainder and Factor Theorem, Analyze End Behavior
8. Graph Rational Functions, Find Vertical, Horizontal, Slant Asymptotes
9. Graph Exponential and Logarithmic Function, Use Properties of Exponentials and Logarithms, Solve Exponential and Logarithmic Equations
10. Solve Systems of Linear Equations in Several Variables, Use Matrices, Determinants
11. Find all Characteristics of Conic Sections, Write the Equations of Circles, Parabolas, Ellipses, Hyperbolas in Standard Form, and Graph them
12. Solve Nonlinear System of Equations.
13. Apply the Right Triangle Trigonometry

Measurements Quizzes –30%, 3 tests, each test – 15%, and final exam – 25%.

Grade equivalents: A 93 – 100, A- 90 – 93, B+ 87 -89, B 83 – 86, B- 80 – 82, C+ 77 – 79, C 73 – 76, C- 70 – 72, D+ 67 – 69, D 63 – 66, D- 60 – 62, F below 60.

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