

**COLLEGE ALGEBRA
MATH 1314 SECTION 4
LECTURE CLASS**

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Prerequisites: Math 0375 passed with a C or better, high school Algebra II, or an independent school district/ dual enrollment form.

Course Description: Includes sets, complex numbers, quadratic and quadratic form equations, inequalities, functions, systems of equations and topics selected from exponential and logarithmic functions, matrices, determinants, binomial theorem and sequences and series. The student will learn to select appropriate mathematical techniques and technologies and use skills in information organizing processing planning and problem solving. The student should be able to probe for mathematical meaning and, perhaps, describe these meanings to others. Placement testing available. (SCANS 3, 8, 9, 11)

Text: *College Algebra, 5e*, Blitzer and MYMATHLAB software. Purchase of the software is mandatory for the course, purchase of the textbook is not mandatory.

Attendance: If you have a perfect attendance record, five points will be added to your final average at the end of the course. For each class missed, one less point will be added. After five, one point will be subtracted from your average for each class missed. There is no such thing as an excused absence. To be counted present, you must arrive on time and stay the entire class period. The first day of class is Wednesday, Jan 19.

Exams: There will be four exams and a comprehensive final. Of the four exams (not the final), I will drop the lowest grade prior to calculating your average. Therefore, there are NO MAKE UP EXAMS. The final exam is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 11:00 am. NO EARLY FINALS WILL BE GIVEN.

Homework: Homework will be assigned on the MyMathLab computer software. This program will also list the due date. NO LATE HOMEWORK IS ACCEPTED. Instructions for use of the software are listed on a separate handout which also has the course ID number. If you are unfamiliar with this software, the tutors in the math lab can also help you get started.

Math Lab: Hours in math lab are not required in this course. However, if you are having difficulty with an assignment or difficulty with the computer software, this is a good place to find help. It is located in ET 120 and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 1:00 to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Final Grade: Your final grade will be calculated by averaging your 3 highest test scores, your final and your homework average.

90.0-100 %	A
80.0-89.9	B
70.0-79.9	C
60.0-69.9	D
Below 60	F

Dropping the Course: If for any reason you decide that you cannot complete the course, please visit with me to see if I can help the situation. If not, YOU must go to the registrar and officially drop the course to receive a “W” grade. The last day to drop is Thursday, April 14.

Office Hours: My office is ET 117. Office hours are on Monday 2:30 to 5:00 pm, Tuesday 12:00 to 4:00 pm and Wednesday 2:30 to 4:00 pm. Please do not hesitate to stop by. If you are not free during scheduled office hours, feel free to make an appointment with me for another time as needed.

Special Needs: Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library): The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC’s catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journals and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the “Ask a Librarian” service provide additional help.

Technical Support: For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies: For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student’s and instructors’ right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.

Student Email: Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.