

College Algebra – 1314
Summer Session 1
Syllabus

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Welcome to College Algebra! This sheet will tell you about the course, including subject matter, homework, quizzes, exams and term grade. Almost all of your questions about the course can be answered by reading this handout. If anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification. ***Good Luck!!!***

Subject Matter

This course includes sets, complex numbers, polynomial equations, inequalities, functions, systems of equations, exponential and logarithmic functions, and matrices. Examples will come from a variety of areas. The teaching process will emphasize concepts, problem solving and critical thinking.

Required Materials

Textbook: Blitzer College Algebra by R. Blitzer, 5th Edition (**optional**)

Software: My Math Lab (ISBN: 032119991X). All you really need is an access code for the course. It can be purchased at the bookstore in a student access kit for My Math Lab or you may purchase it online. It is a little cheaper online, but you must have a credit or debit card. Note: If you are repeating this course you may not have to purchase a new access code.

Supplies: Pencil, Paper, Graph Paper, Scientific Calculator

Term Grade

Homework:	20%
Quizzes:	10%
Tests:	50%
Final:	20%

Homework (20%)

Homework will be assigned for each section. These assignments are all online. You must do the homework assignments in order. You must complete the graded exercises for each objective in each chapter.

- a. Log in to MyMathLab at www.coursecompass.com
- b. Click on Do Homework
- c. Click on the section you want to work on. (Start with 2.1)
- d. Do the homework. When you finish a problem click on check Answer. Then click on the number for the next problem.
- e. When you finish the assignment click on the Save button
- f. Continue as above for the rest of the sections in the chapter
- g. You must do the homework assignments in order. You will not be able to access homework 2.2 until you have completed homework 2.1.

Quizzes(10%)

Quizzes will be given in class. If you have done your homework you may print it off and bring it to the class to use. The quiz questions will look like your homework questions with the numbers changed.

Chapter Tests (50%)

There will be a chapter test at the end of each chapter; these will be given in class. There are 4 (four) exams scheduled.

Final Exam (20%)

The Final Exam will be comprehensive.

Attendance

Although attendance is not factored into your term grade, attendance is a part of your success in the class.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available through Developmental Studies.

Conduct

All students will be expected to abide by the Odessa College Code of Classroom Etiquette.