

## College Algebra (MATH 1314 9S1)



**LAMAR INSTITUTE  
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### **INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **CREDIT**

3 Semester Credit Hours (3 hours lecture)

### **MODE OF INSTRUCTION**

Face-to-Face

### **PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:**

A score of 350 or above on the TSI-Assessment placement test or a "C" or better in TMTM 0375.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In-depth study and applications of polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and logarithmic functions, and systems of equations using matrices. Additional topics such as sequences, series, probability, and conics may be included.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to

- Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, operations, compositions, and inverses.
- Recognize and apply polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and logarithmic functions and solve related equations.
- Apply graphing techniques.
- Evaluate all roots of higher degree polynomial and rational functions.
- Recognize, solve, and apply systems of linear equations using matrices.

### **CORE OBJECTIVES**

- Critical Thinking Skills: To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- Communication Skills: To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.
- Empirical and Quantitative Skills: To include manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

- The online textbook may be found at <https://openstax.org/details/books/college-algebra-2e>
- WebAssign Access Code
  - May be purchased online at <https://www.webassign.net/>
- A basic scientific calculator: *please check with Mrs. Herrera as to the specific type of calculator required.*

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is **mandatory**. If you are late, you will be marked tardy. Three (3) tardies will be counted as an absence. If you are more than 10 minutes late, you will be counted absent. If you leave class early, you will be counted absent. If you are sleeping or inattentive in class, you will be counted absent.

## DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the [Academic Calendar](#). If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an “F” in the course.

## STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

## COURSE CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date)
1/17-1/20	Section 2.1..... Section 2.2.....	Tuesday, January 24 Tuesday, January 24
1/23-1/27	Section 2.3..... Section 2.4..... Section 2.5.....	Tuesday, January 31 Tuesday, January 31 Tuesday, January 31
1/30-2/3	Section 2.6..... Section 2.7..... Circles Resource .....	Tuesday, February 7 Tuesday, February 7 Tuesday, February 7
2/6-2/10	<b>Exam 1 .....</b> Section 3.1..... Section 3.2.....	<b>Tuesday, February 7</b> Tuesday, February 14 Tuesday, February 14
2/13-2/17	Section 3.3..... Section 3.4..... Section 3.5.....	Tuesday, February 21 Tuesday, February 21 Tuesday, February 21
2/20-2/24	Section 4.1..... Section 4.2.....	Tuesday, February 28 Tuesday, February 28

2/27-3/3	Exam 2 ..... Section 5.1..... Quadratic Models Resource.....	Tuesday, February 28 Tuesday, March 7 Tuesday, March 7
3/6-3/10	Section 5.2..... Section 5.3.....	Friday, March 10 Friday, March 10
3/20-3/24	Section 5.4..... Section 5.5.....	Tuesday, March 28 Tuesday, March 28
3/27-3/31	Section 5.6..... Section 5.7..... Polynomial and Rational Inequalities Resource.....	Tuesday, April 4 Tuesday, April 4 Tuesday, April 4
4/3-4/7	Exam 3 ..... Section 6.1..... Section 6.3.....	Tuesday, April 4 Tuesday, April 11 Tuesday, April 11
4/10-4/14	Section 6.5..... Section 6.6.....	Tuesday, April 18 Tuesday, April 18
4/17-4/21	Section 6.7..... Section 7.1.....	Tuesday, April 25 Tuesday, April 25
4/24-4/28	Section 7.2..... Section 7.5.....	Tuesday, May 2 Tuesday, May 2
5/1-5/5	Core Assessment ..... Final Review .....	Tuesday, May 2 Tuesday, May 9
5/8-5/12	Final Exam .....	Tuesday, May 9

### COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

- Exams ..... 60%
- Course Assignments..... 20%
- Comprehensive Final Exam ..... 10%
- Participation..... 10%

### GRADE SCALE

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- 0-59 F

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

### ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at <http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty>.

## **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

## **DISABILITIES STATEMENT**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email [specialpopulations@lit.edu](mailto:specialpopulations@lit.edu). You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#).

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT**

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at [www.lit.edu](http://www.lit.edu). Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

## **STARFISH**

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

## **ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION**

You may expect a response to emails within 24 hours. For emails sent after 3:30 pm on Friday, you may expect a response Monday morning. I will not accept late work for this course. All exams must be taken on the day they are assigned. For any unusual situations, please email me.