

Math 170.02
College Algebra
Summer I 2008

- **Class meeting information:** Class meets in 402 LDB from 10:00 - 11:50

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- **Office Hours:**

Every day 12:00 - 1:00. And, of course, by appointment after 2:00.

- **Course Description:**

Functions and their graphs, methods of solving polynomial, rational, exponential and logarithmic functions.

Class will be primarily lecture-oriented. Prerequisites include two years of high school algebra.

- **Course Objectives:**

Students completing this course will be prepared for all non-trigonometric aspects of calculus. Other techniques and ideas will also be covered.

- **Required Textbook:**

College Algebra, 4th Ed., by Dugopolski

- **Required Supplies:** A graphing calculator - TI-83 recommended. Calculators with Computer Algebra Systems will not be allowed. If you have questions about your calculator, please see me.

- **Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to attend every class. If class must be missed, the student is expected to get the notes from a classmate, and to check the web-page for announcements and updated assignments.

Students are expected to arrive to class on time. If a student is perpetually late, they will be asked to not attend class unless they arrive on time. If tardiness becomes a problem for the class as a whole, people who arrive late will not be permitted to enter the class. If this stricter policy becomes necessary, there will be an announcement made in class.

- **Assignments:**

1. **Homework:** Homework will be assigned on a daily basis, and all problems should be completed by each student. Students are encouraged to check their work with the solutions.

It is your responsibility to ask questions about homework problems which you were not able to complete or did not understand. It is your responsibility to come to office hours, or otherwise contact someone for help. You may contact me via e-mail if you cannot make it to office hours, and I will try to answer questions as clearly as I can via e-mail. It is also your responsibility to do as many problems from each section as you need to in order to feel comfortable with the material.

- 2. **Quizzes:** There will be periodic quizzes – maybe 2-3 each week. No make-ups are allowed under any circumstances. To compensate for this, the lowest quiz score for the semester will be dropped.
- 3. **Class participation:** Students are encouraged to participate actively by asking and answering questions both in and out of class.
- **Exams:** There will be three exams during the semester. They are tentatively scheduled to occur on:

Thursday, June 12	Monday, June 23	Tuesday, July 1
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Any changes to this schedule will be announced in class. There will be no makeup exams, except for official University-sponsored activities.

- **Grading Plan:** The course grade is based on:

Quizzes	25%
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	25%

The course grade will be assigned more or less on a standard 10-point scale.

- **Academic Dishonesty:** Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. See Student Syllabus Guidelines.
- **Classroom Rules of Conduct:** Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Students are to treat faculty and students with respect. Students are to turn off all cell phones while in the classroom. Under no circumstances are cell phones or any electronic devices to be used or seen during times of examination. Students may tape record lectures provided they do not disturb other students in the process.
- **Visitors in the Classroom:** Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrars Office.
- **Student Absences on Religious Holy Days Policy:** Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work. See Student Syllabus Guidelines.
- **Disabled Student Policy:** It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. See Student Syllabus Guidelines.

For more information on these policies, please visit the site

<http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>