

Course Syllabus

MATH 1314 – College Algebra – Fall 2020

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Course Modality and Expectations

Section	Instructor	Mode	Platform	Time
001	Anani Adabrah	Remote	Microsoft Teams	MWF 9:00-9:50AM
002	Anani Adabrah	Remote	Microsoft Teams	MWF 10:00-10:50AM
003	Iris Alvarado	Online		
004	Iris Alvarado	Online		
005	Kristen Wetzler	Online		
006	Kristen Wetzler	Online		

Instructional Mode

- In Person: You will be attending classes on campus in the indicated room.
- Remote: Classes will be held online in realtime via the designated platform at the designated times.
- Online: Video lectures are posted online.

Course and Office Platforms

- Blackboard Collaborate: This platform is integrated into the elearning system. Login to elearning and click the link for the appropriate section. On the left-hand side of the course homepage you'll see a link to Blackboard Collaborate. Click that, and you will see any available sessions.
- Microsoft Teams: Your instructor will provide a link to join sessions in Teams. You can join via a web browser, or you can download the app for desktop or mobile. You'll login using your UTD e-mail account and password.

Asynchronous Learning Guidelines

If you choose to take the course asynchronously, then you will need to e-mail your instructor and inform them of this. The assignments in this course are already asynchronous, so the primary difference will be how lectures are handled. Your instructor will provide access to recordings of their lectures. More information about asynchronous learning can be found here: <https://www.utdallas.edu/fall-2020/asynchronous-access-for-fall-2020/>

COVID-19 Guidelines and Resources

The information contained in the following link lists the University's COVID-19 resources for students and instructors of record.

Please see <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies>.

Classroom Conduct Requirements Related to COVID-19

UT Dallas requires that all students must wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth in all university buildings and classrooms. To help protect the health and safety of students, instructors, and the University community, students who choose not to wear a face covering may not attend class in person but may attend a course remotely. Anyone attending class in person without a face covering will be asked to put one on or leave. Instructors may end the class if anyone present refuses to appropriately wear a face covering for the duration of class. Students should also be sure they are at least six feet away from their fellow students and faculty, and seated in a seat that is designated to ensure that distance. Students who either refuse to wear face coverings appropriately or to adhere to other social distancing protocols may face disciplinary action for [Student Code of Conduct](#) violations. Students who are unable to comply with the university policies including wearing a face covering should consult the [Comets United](#) webpage for further instructions.

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or may have been exposed should not attend class in person and should instead follow required disclosure notifications as posted on the university's website (see "[What should I do if I become sick?](#)" webpage)

Class Attendance

The University's attendance policy requirement is that individual faculty set their course attendance requirements. Regular and punctual class attendance is expected regardless of modality. Students who fail to attend class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. In some courses, instructors may have special attendance requirements; these should be made known to students during the first week of classes. These attendance requirements will not be used as part of grading (see Class Participation below for grading information).

In-person participation records may be used to assist the University or local public health authorities in performing COVID-19 occurrence monitoring. Please note – in-person attendance requires consistently adhering to University requirements, including wearing a face covering and other public safety requirements related to COVID-19, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Class Participation

Regular class participation is expected regardless of course modality. Students who fail to participate in class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. Class participation is documented by faculty. Successful participation is defined as consistently adhering to University requirements, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Class Recordings

Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

The instructor may record meetings of this course. Any recordings will be available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. If the instructor or a UTD school/department/office plans any other uses for the recordings, consent of the students identifiable in the recordings is required prior to such use unless an exception is allowed by law. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Class Materials

The instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course, however, these materials are for registered students' use only. Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Course Description

MATH 1314 – College Algebra (3 semester hours) Course covers topics chosen from areas such as equations and inequalities, rational expressions, exponents, radicals and logarithms, functions and graphs. Prerequisite: ALEKS math placement exam. Co-requisite: Students will be automatically enrolled in exam section 701. All course assignments will be found on UTD's Blackboard site (elearning.utdallas.edu) under section 701. You can also view your grades, use the email tool, or utilize the discussion tool to communicate with your classmates. You will receive a notice via elearning (either an announcement, or an email) if there is additional information, exam date/location change, etc, or an urgent message, class canceled, etc., that directly affects this course. Lecture videos will be found in elearning under your course section

(001, 002, 003, 004, 005, or 006). Should a personal situation arises that you feel your instructor needs to be aware of, send that information to your instructor via email.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Recommended Text: College Algebra, Abramson, published by OpenStax. This textbook can be downloaded as a PDF for free (<https://openstax.org/details/college-algebra>). A hard copy of the textbook may also be purchased through: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1938168380>.

Required Homework Server Subscription: Knewton Alta (Access Code Only)

ISBN single-term access: 978-1-63545-244-0

ISBN altaPass: 978-1-63545-245-7

Required Supplies:

1. Regular access to a computer with a reliable internet connection.
2. This course may use Honorlock – an online exam proctoring tool. To successfully take an exam, you must have a web camera with microphone, a laptop or desktop computer (no tablets/phones), Chrome browser, a reliable internet connection and your photo ID. You will be prompted to install the Honorlock Chrome Extension (which you can remove after you finish the test). You will then access the exam within your eLearning course and go through the authentication process. The web camera will monitor you throughout your test. Please see the Testing Guidelines and Support Information for additional information.
3. A non-programmable, non-graphing scientific calculator. Calculators which can compute derivatives or integrals, or which can solve algebraic equations or inequalities are strictly prohibited on quizzes and exams.
4. A scanner or a smartphone with a scanning application (e.g. CamScanner or AdobeScan) will be required when submitting assignments.

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Week of:	Sections Covered:	Assignments Due:	Notes:
8/17/2020	1.1, 1.2	DHW1 due 8/23 at 11:59PM GHW1 due 8/23 at 11:59PM	
8/24/2020	1.3, 1.4	Quiz 1 due 8/26 at 11:59PM DHW2 due 8/30 at 11:59PM GHW2 due 8/30 at 11:59PM	Last Day to Add/Swap: 8/24
8/31/2020	1.5, 1.6	Quiz 2 due 9/2 at 11:59PM DHW3 due 9/6 at 11:59PM GHW3 due 9/6 at 11:59PM	Last Day to Drop without a "W": 9/1
9/7/2020	2.1, 2.2, (2.3?)	Quiz 3 due 9/9 at 11:59PM DHW4 due 9/13 at 11:59PM GHW4 due 9/13 at 11:59PM	No Classes: 9/7
9/14/2020	2.4, 2.5, 2.6	DHW5 due 9/20 at 11:59PM GHW5 due 9/20 at 11:59PM	Online Exam 1: 9/16,12AM - 9/19,11:59PM

9/21/2020	2.7, 3.1, 3.2	Quiz 4 due 9/23 at 11:59PM DHW6 due 9/27 at 11:59PM GHW6 due 9/27 at 11:59PM	Written Exam 1: 9/21 7PM-8:15PM
9/28/2020	3.4, 3.5, 3.6	Quiz 5 due 9/30 at 11:59PM DHW7 due 10/4 at 11:59PM GHW7 due 10/4 at 11:59PM	
10/5/2020	3.7, 4.1, 4.2	Quiz 6 due 10/7 at 11:59PM DHW8 due 10/11 at 11:59PM GHW8 due 10/11 at 11:59PM	
10/12/2020	5.1, 5.2, 5.3	Quiz 7 due 10/14 at 11:59PM DHW9 due 10/18 at 11:59PM GHW9 due 10/18 at 11:59PM	
10/19/2020	5.3, 5.4, 5.5	DHW10 due 10/25 at 11:59PM GHW10 due 10/25 at 11:59PM	Online Exam 2: 10/21,12AM - 10/24,11:59PM
10/26/2020	5.6, 5.7, 6.1	Quiz 8 due 10/28 at 11:59PM DHW11 due 11/1 at 11:59PM GHW11 due 11/1 at 11:59PM	Written Exam 2: 10/26 7PM-8:15PM Last Day to Drop with a "W": 10/26
11/2/2020	6.2, 6.3, 6.4	Quiz 9 due 11/4 at 11:59PM DHW12 due 11/8 at 11:59PM GHW12 due 11/8 at 11:59PM	
11/9/2020	6.5, 6.6	Quiz 10 due 11/11 at 11:59PM DHW13 due 11/15 at 11:59PM GHW13 due 11/15 at 11:59PM	
11/16/2020	6.7, 7.1	Quiz 11 due 11/18 at 11:59PM DHW14 due 11/22 at 11:59PM GHW14 due 11/22 at 11:59PM	
11/23/2020	Review		Last Day of Classes: 11/25 Online Final Exam: 11/25,12AM - 11/28,11:59PM
11/30/2020			Written Final Exam: TBA

Grading Policy

The course grade is determined from the following assignments and weights:

14 Digital Homework sets – 16%

The DHW percent is based on 12 scores. The two lowest scores will be dropped. The assignments will be generated using Knewton Alta. These assignments will be posted every Monday at 8:00AM and will be due the following Sunday at 11:59PM. Knewton Alta contains an equation editor, which allows you to present your solutions in a mathematically correct form--beware parentheses. Once you submit a solution, it is graded immediately - - for some problems you will have multiple attempts at the solution, for others only one attempt. Assignment grades will be posted in elearning--there will be NO late digital homework.

14 Graded Homework sets – 16%

The GHW percent is based on 12 scores. The two lowest scores will be dropped. These assignments will be posted every Monday at 8:00AM and will be due the following Sunday at 11:59PM. They will be posted in the section 701 eLearning Course Homepage under the folder “GHW”. To submit, you will see the “Submit Assignments” folder in the section 701 eLearning Course Homepage. Clicking on the current GHW will allow you to upload a scanned PDF of your written solutions. All work must be shown to obtain full credit.

11 Online Quizzes – 14%

The quiz percent will be based on 10 scores. The lowest score will be dropped. These quizzes will be posted in Knewton Alta every Monday at 8:00AM and will be due Wednesday at 11:59PM. The quizzes are timed (~30 minutes) and can be completed over several days. Students will need to download the Knewton Alta Lockdown Browser. This lockdown browser does not work on Chromebooks.

2 Midterm Exams – 34%

The lowest exam score is valued at 16%, the highest at 18%. Exams will have an online part (posted in Knewton Alta) and a written part (posted in eLearning). Both parts will be timed and each part will be worth 50% of the total exam grade.

1 Comprehensive Final Exam – 20%

The final exam is not optional, is comprehensive, and constitutes 20% of your course grade. Exams will have an online part through Knewton Alta and a written part. Both parts will be timed and each part will be worth 50% of the total exam grade.

Course & Instructor Policies

Citizenship: Any action that disturbs your classmates or interrupts the lecture is unacceptable. Examples of such actions are:

- (a) Entering the online classroom late - be punctual.
- (b) Leaving the classroom before break or before the end of lecture.
- (c) Background noise. Be sure to mute your microphones, and only unmute when you have a question you would like to ask.

Exam/Quiz policies:

- (a) There will be no make-up assignments.
- (b) There will be no make-up exams unless the circumstances are extraordinary (documentation is required).
- (c) Exams and quizzes **should be done individually**, without the help of classmates, tutors, online solvers, etc.
- (d) **SHOW ALL WORK** on quizzes and exams. Unsupported answers will receive little or no credit. Graded quizzes and major exams will be viewable to you as soon as possible.

Comet Creed

This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:

“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”

Academic Support Resources

The information contained in the following link lists the University’s academic support resources for all students.

Please see <http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources>.

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University’s policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor. -A. Adabrah, I. Alvarado, K. Wetzler