

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Title: Beginning Algebra		
Course Prefix & Number: MATH 0305	Section Number: 0401	Semester: Spring 2020
Semester Credit Hours: 3	Lecture Hours: 48	Lab Hours: 0
Course Description (NCTC Catalog): <i>This course includes basic algebraic concepts and notations; algebraic expressions and equations, factoring polynomials and graphing. Some algebra is required. This course does not count toward graduation at NCTC.</i>		
Course Prerequisite(s): Appropriate placement score on TSI or other approved assessment test.		
<p>Required: <i>*MyMathLab Access Code ** DO NOT BUY** (I will provide for you)</i> Current email address (default email address is Lion Pride) Non-graphing scientific calculator (<u>*No graphing calculators allowed nor cellphone/watch calculators allowed</u>)</p> <p>Recommended: Squires - Wyrick: MyMathLab Notebook, Developmental Mathematics: Basic Mathematics, Introductory Algebra, and Intermediate Algebra, Pearson, 2nd ed. (**e-textbook is included with the MyMathLab Access Code) TI-30X IIS calculator is highly recommended. Headphones (for online lectures)</p>		

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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GRADING CRITERIA

# of Graded Course Elements	Graded Course Elements	Percentage or Point Values
62	Homework/ Notebook Notes	15%
13	Quizzes	15%
4	Regular Tests	50%
1	Final Exam	20%

Grade Scale: 90 – 100% = A; 80 – 89% = B; 70 – 79% = C; Below 70% = F

All homework, quizzes and practice tests will be completed online using MyMathLab(MML) off campus at the convenience of the student. **All tests and the final exam will be completed ON CAMPUS in a proctored environment.**

Check MML for all due dates. **Do not ask to extend due dates.** The grade book in MML keeps a running average of your grade.

There will be **no make-up assignments (including tests or final exam).**

The final exam is comprehensive and must be taken by all students. The final exam may be used to replace your lowest test grade. (Only if you missed 6 hours of class or less).

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

	At the successful completion of this course the student will be able to:
1.	Define, represent, and perform operations on real numbers.
2.	Recognize, understand, and analyze features of a function.
3.	Recognize and use algebraic (field) properties, concepts, procedures (including factoring), and algorithms to combine, transform, and evaluate polynomial expressions.
4.	Identify and solve polynomial equations.
5.	Identify and solve linear inequalities.
6.	Model, interpret and justify mathematical ideas and concepts using multiple representations.
7.	Connect and use multiple strands of mathematics in situations and problems, as well as in the study of other disciplines.

STUDENT EMAIL

All students at NCTC are assigned a student email address, also known as Lion Pride email. Lion Pride email can be accessed on the NCTC home page by clicking on MyNCTC, then the link "Lion Pride Email" to the left. After clicking the Lion Pride Email link, the Microsoft Office 365 window will open.

1. Enter your NCTC student e-mail address. (for example, Smithj123456@student.nctc.edu)
2. Enter your password (your NCTC Student ID Number, either 7 or 9 numbers).
3. From the list of Microsoft icons, choose MAIL.
4. You will be asked to set your language and local time zone (Central Time). Your account is now activated.

****It is the student's responsibility to activate and regularly monitor the assigned NCTC (Lion Pride) e-mail account. Important announcements and notifications from the Admissions office, Financial Aid, or other college staff will be sent via the Lion Pride student email system.**

For communicating with classmates and instructors, students also have an option to communicate through Canvas. Canvas messaging is NOT the same as Lion Pride e-mail. Failure to read and/or receive NCTC e-mails (either in Lion Pride or in Canvas) is no excuse for not complying with any school policy. Be sure to regularly check BOTH the Lion Pride email as well as the Canvas inbox for important messages and information.

TSI COMPLIANCE

At North Central Texas College, students who test but do not meet the passing scores in ALL sections of the TSI Assessment or any other THECB approved testing measurements are required by state law to obtain TSI advising and continuously enroll in a formal college preparatory studies (developmental) program every semester until all TSI requirements are satisfied. TSI program attendance is MANDATORY. Non-compliance with the rules of attendance can result in a student being WITHDRAWN from the college preparatory course. Withdrawals are subject to college policies as set forth in the college catalog.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students in all classes for which they have registered. All absences are considered to be unauthorized unless the student is absent due to illness or emergencies. It is the student's responsibility to provide documentation as to the emergency for approval by the faculty member. Approved college-sponsored activities are also excused absences. The instructor is responsible for judging the validity of any reason given for an absence. Valid reasons for absence, however, do not relieve the student of the responsibility for making up required work. Students will not be allowed to make up an examination missed due to absence unless the absence is documented and excused by the instructor. Student will be dropped from a class by the Registrar upon recommendation of the instructor who feels the student has been justifiably absent or tardy a sufficient number of times to preclude meeting the course's objectives. Persistent, unjustified absences from classes or laboratories will be considered sufficient cause for College officials to drop a student from the rolls of the College. From Board Policy FC (LOCAL)

HOMEWORK, QUIZZES, PRACTICE TESTS AND TESTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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All homework and quizzes are completed online in MyMathLab(MML). You will need an access code to register at <http://nctc.mylabsplus.com>. If you are waiting for Financial Aid please use the Temporary Access Code, buy the code but do not enter the new code until you are prompted.

Plug-ins:

At home, you will need to download some plug-ins before viewing assignments. There are several places in MML for you to run the Installation Wizard. These plug-ins do not take very long to download. They are required for you to view the assignments and to generate new problems. It is suggested that you use either Chrome or Firefox to have the best results with the software program. Please call MML 24/7 Technical Support at 1-888-883-1299 if you have issues downloading the plug-ins. You may also use the 24/7 web site if you are having technical problems with MyMathLab, contact the Customer Technical Support Team at <http://247pearsoned.custhelp.com>. **I cannot answer technical computer problems.**

Homework:

All due dates are listed in MML. Complete the assignments by 11:59 pm of the due date listed. The homework may be attempted multiple times in order to increase your homework grade. Do this by clicking on Similar Exercise button located at the bottom of the page (this button replaces Check Answer). **Please do not ask me to give you more time to complete an assignment.**

Quizzes:

Weekly quizzes will be due. All due dates are listed in MML. **Quizzes may be attempted three times**, and each quiz attempt has a time limit. Only the highest score will be counted. Students should attempt the quiz multiple times in order to be prepared for the unit test.

Tests:

Four chapter tests are scheduled during the semester and a comprehensive final exam. Make sure to follow the deadline dates listed in the tentative schedule. The tests will be given in class. While taking each test, you are NOT to use any notes, cellphones, and information from the book, to leave the room or talk to other students.

Final Exam:

The final exam will be comprehensive and is required of all students. The final exam will also be given in class. The final exam will be administered on be completed before or on **Wednesday, May 13, 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:50 am. No exceptions. The final exam is comprehensive and must be taken by all students. The final exam may also be used to replace the lowest test grade. (Only if you missed 6 hours of class or less)**

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

- 1. Students must be courteous and respectful to everyone in the classroom at all times.** Maintain a positive and professional attitude. All students are expected to remain respectfully engaged with the instructor and the learning materials throughout each class period. Students who break this rule will receive disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.
- 2. Students are required to use appropriate "netiquette" when communicating online with others in this course.** Students are expected to show professionalism and emotional maturity when communicating with classmates and/or with the instructor. Communication that is rude, aggressive, passive-aggressive, or dismissive will not be tolerated. Students who break this rule will receive a grade of zero (0) for the offending assignment. Further disciplinary action, including expulsion from the course, may follow.
- 3. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during class without permission from the instructor.** Cell phones are very distracting in a learning environment. Students who break this rule will be asked to leave the classroom, will be counted absent for the class period, and will receive further disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.
- 4. Students are not permitted to use laptop computers during class without permission from the instructor.** Students who break this rule will receive disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.
- 5. Students must store their coats, purses, backpacks, and other carrying bags or materials on the back of their chairs or on the floor beside or beneath their desks.** Students are expected to keep only their course materials (textbooks, papers, and pens/pencils) on their desktops. Students who break this rule will receive disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.

6. **Students are not permitted to use or to appear to be using earbuds or earphones/headphones of any type while in class.** Students who break this rule will be dismissed from class, will be counted absent for the class period, and will receive further disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.
7. **Students are expected to arrive on time for the start of each class period.** Students who consistently arrive after class begins will be counted tardy and will receive disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.
8. **Students are expected to remain seated in class for the duration of each class period.** Students are expected to use the restroom, make or receive telephone calls, and take care of any personal matters before or after class. Students who consistently leave the classroom (more than two times during the semester) during the class period will receive disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.
9. **Students are not permitted to sleep in class.** Sleeping students will be dismissed from class, will be counted absent for the class period, and will receive further disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.
10. **Students are not permitted to disrupt the class with food or drinks.** Eating or drinking that draws attention and disrupts classroom focus is not permitted. Examples of things that are not permitted include the slurping of drinks, rattling of ice, tearing of wrappers, loud chewing, licking and smacking of fingers, making a mess, and exposing others to strong odors. The professor will determine which foods and drinks are appropriate for the classroom. If you do not dispose of inappropriate foods or drinks immediately at the request of the professor, you will be dismissed from class, will be counted absent for the class period, and will receive further disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the course.
11. **Notice to Students:** This class is not a spectator sport. You must take notes during class. Please schedule at least three hours per week outside of class to complete homework, quizzes and pre-tests.
12. **While taking each quiz and chapter review, you are NOT to use any notes, information from the book, another person or websites.**
13. You are welcome to come to my office during my posted hours. We can talk by phone if necessary. If you call me after my office hours, your phone call will be returned within a 24 hour time frame.
14. I check my email daily, and sometimes more. Please email me with any questions, problems, or concerns you have mowens@nctc.edu. If you email me after my office hours, your email will be answered within a 24 hour time frame. If you email me over the weekend, your emails will not be answered until Monday.
15. Use your NCTC email account for all email correspondence. This is how I will correspond with you.

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW

Last day to withdraw from a course with a "W" is Friday, April 3, 2020.

MATH LAB

Students who need help with any math class can visit the NCTC Mathematics Lab to receive assistance. No appointments are necessary. See the most current tutoring hours for all campuses at <http://www.nctc.edu/student-services/student-success/tutoring/mathematics-lab.html>.

DISABILITY SERVICES (OSD)

The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) provides accommodations for students who have a documented disability. On the Corinth Campus, go to room 170 or call 940-498-6207. On the Gainesville

Campus, go to room 110 or call 940-668-4209. Students on the Bowie, Graham, Flower Mound, and online campuses should call 940-498-6207.

North Central Texas College is committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, ADA Amendments Act of 2009, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112 <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/student-services/office-students-with-disabilities.html>).

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Students are expected to follow all rules and regulations found in the student handbook.

<https://www.nctc.edu/documents/academics/student-handbook.pdf>.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, academic falsification, intellectual property dishonesty, academic dishonesty facilitation and collusion. Faculty members may document and bring charges against a student who is engaged in or is suspected to be engaged in academic dishonesty. See Student Handbook, "Student Rights & Responsibilities: Student Conduct ([FLB(LOCAL)])".

Consequences for academic dishonesty may include:

- 1) Zero on the assignment
- 2) Failing grade for the course

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CAMPUS POLICIES

Tobacco-Free Campus: NCTC restricts the use of all tobacco products, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and smokeless tobacco, on campus property.

Campus Carry: Effective August 1, 2017, a license holder may carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder's person while the license holder is on the campus of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education in this state. For more information, see the website at <https://www.nctc.edu/campus-safety/campus-carry.html>.

Parking Permits: The North Central Texas Community College District has managed traffic and parking regulations in order to ensure the safety of the campus community related to the operation and parking of vehicles on campus. These regulations apply to all operators of motor vehicles on campus. For parking permits and more information, see the website at <https://www.nctc.edu/campus-safety/transportation-parking.html>.