



SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE
Common Course Syllabus
MATH 0301

COURSE TITLE: Intermediate Algebra
SECTION, CLASS DAYS & TIME: Math0301:003 TR 11:00am
CLASSROOM: FH 201

INSTRUCTOR: Sandra Chambers
INSTRUCTOR'S Office: PGG101 or FH204
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INSTRUCTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: PPG: MWF 9:00am – 12Noon

CREDIT HOURS: 3
LECTURE HOURS: 3

PLACEMENT: TSIA: a score of 344-349.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

MATH 0301 Intermediate Algebra (3-0). This course is designed for students whose score on an approved assessment instrument does not meet minimum requirements on the mathematics portion of the assessment. Topics included in this course are real numbers, exponential, rational, and radical expressions, factoring, complex numbers, and critical thinking skills. Credit in this course cannot be used to satisfy requirements for any degree. Students must earn a grade of C or better to progress to the next level math course.

SOFTWARE (TEXTBOOK): ALEKS (You must purchase an ALEKS access code by class time no later than the 2nd class day)

ALEKS Tech Support: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM • 714-619-7090 • <http://support.aleks.com>

ALEKS Course Code: 4ER66-G4CC4

Financial Aide Code: 031BB-FEE88-02CC6-E2E85

NOTE:

If you have not purchased your copy of ALEKS by the end of the third week of class, you will be dropped from this class with an "F."

SUPPLIES: Three-ring Binder and dividers or spiral with dividers and notebook paper; pencils only in classroom.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After completing this course, the student should be able to demonstrate competency in the following:

- (1) Analyze systems of real numbers and apply their properties; classify real numbers and apply set theoretical descriptions; generalize to evaluation of complex expressions;
- (2) Operate upon exponential and radical notations with integer and rational number exponents; generalize previous knowledge of polynomials to special products and other applications;
- (3) Review operations on polynomials; apply skills to factoring polynomials; generalize factoring skills to include the factorization theorem and special factoring;
- (4) Simplify and operate on rational expressions; generalize to complex fractions;
- (5) Perform operations on complex numbers.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

See your instructor's syllabus addendum for specific requirements.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

See your instructor's syllabus addendum for specific requirements. The grade of "PR" (Progress) can only be earned the first semester that you take this course. If you have to retake the course, then you may only receive a traditional letter grade.

ACCELERATION: You determine how quickly or slowly you complete the work associated with this course. The sooner you complete your developmental math placement, the better off you will be, so please feel free to work hard and quickly.

ACADEMIC ETHICS: Please remember that real success comes from learning how to do the work yourself. Your instructors believe that you are an honest individual and expect that all of the work that you do results from your own efforts. You know that a college education costs too much for you to waste your time trying to beat the system rather than figuring out how to learn the material. You know that any form of cheating is dishonest and it makes you look very bad. Your instructor will have specific responses to any academic dishonesty that s/he may encounter. A repeated instance of academic dishonesty may result in your situation being forwarded to the Dean of Student Life. Please see the *SRSU Student Handbook* for a more complete discussion of academic honesty.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Sul Ross State University and the State of Texas require each student liable for any portion of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) to attend and participate in developmental coursework. If you fail to attend and/or participate, you will earn an "F" for the course. Also, it is a course requirement that you take the mid-term and final exams. Failure to do so will result in your earning an "F" for the course.

If you must be absent, you are responsible for finding out what was covered and assigned in class in order to be prepared when you return to class. According to the University catalog, "When a student has to miss class due to an authorized University activity, it will be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor of the class in advance [and completing all assignments] within a reasonable time and at the convenience of the instructor."

See your instructor's syllabus addendum for specific attendance criteria.

If you are absent from class, you will want to contact a classmate and get the notes that you missed.

Class Member: _____
Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____
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Being more than five minutes late or leaving before class is over will be counted as an absence!

CELL PHONES: Cell phones going off during class are disruptive. Be a considerate class member. Turn off your cell phone before class begins and keep it turned off throughout the class period. If you feel that you have an emergency situation that requires your phone being left on, speak with your instructor before class. Should you fail to silence (including the "vibrate" function) your phone, you risk being counted absent and ask to leave.

COURSE COMMITMENT: You will make the decision about how long it takes you to clear your developmental math requirement. Please keep these thoughts in mind:

- 1) Your registration in this course is the result of *your* math test scores and, at this time, those scores do not indicate that you could be successful in a college level math class. We want you to be successful in your college level math class, so learn everything that you can in this class.
- 2) It costs as much to take this class (at least \$830) as it does to take any other SRSU three-hour course. You also know that this course does not count towards your degree. You will save yourself a lot of money and time if you decide to clear your developmental math requirement as quickly as possible.
- 3) You are the only one who can make the commitment to be successful in this class. You are the one who will decide how much time you spend doing homework, asking your instructor questions, and visiting with a tutor. So come to class and complete this course with a grade of "C" or better this semester.

EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY: You will sign a contract with ACE that notes that if you do not pass all of your developmental education coursework this semester, or receive a grade of "PR" (ED 0200, ENG 0200, MATH 0200, ED 0300, ENG 0300, ENG 0310, MATH 0300, and/or MATH 0301), then you will not be eligible to participate

in any extracurricular SRSU activities next long semester. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, Student Government Association, Campus Activities, Athletics, and Rodeo.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE: Tutors are available in the Academic Learning Center, Ferguson Hall 213, free of charge. Please check with the Academic Learning Center for hours and days of tutor availability.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you have a disability and need an accommodation, you should contact the Counseling and Accessibility Center located in Ferguson Hall, Room 112 (432-837-8691). You are responsible for presenting to the instructor any accommodation letter(s) and instructions.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) ADVISING: As a developmental education student, you have a TSI hold on your records. In order for you to register for the next semester, you must see a TSI advisor in Lobo Den. Lobo Den is located in Lawrence Hall, Room 102 and their phone number is 432-837-8982.

Course Supplement Syllabus

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ALEKS Software - Objective to be covered

- **Arithmetic Readiness** **Week 1**
 1. Whole Numbers
 2. Fractions
 3. Decimals
 4. Percent
 5. Geometry
 6. Data Analysis

- **Linear Equations and Inequalities** **Weeks 2 and 3**
 1. Linear Equations
 2. Inequalities
 3. Applications

- **Functions, Lines, and Systems of Equations** **Weeks 4 and 5**
 1. Sets, Relations, and Functions
 2. Graphing Linear Equations
 3. Properties of Lines
 4. Systems of Linear Equations

- **Integer Exponents and Polynomial** **Weeks 6 thru 8**
 1. Exponents
 2. Polynomials Arithmetic
 3. Factoring

Midterm Review and Test

March 7th – 9th

- **Rational Expressions and Proportions** **Week 10 and 11**

1. Simplifying Expressions
2. Solving Equations
3. Applications

- **Radicals and Rational Exponents** **Weeks 12 and 13**

1. Square Roots
2. Pythagorean Theorem
3. Rational Exponents

- **Complex Numbers and Quadratic Equations** **Weeks 14**

1. Complex Numbers
2. Quadratic Equations and Functions

Final Review Week

May 2nd

Final Exam

May 8th

Grading Policy:

Objectives – 20%

Quizzes –20%

Weekly Work – 20%

Tests – 40%