

**South Plains College**  
**Common Course Syllabus: MATH 0315.203-Curbo-SP20**  
**Revised December 2019**

**Department:** Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

**Discipline:** Mathematics

**Course Number:** MATH 0315

**Course Title:** Beginning Algebra

**Available Formats:** conventional and internet

**Campuses:** Levelland, Reese, Plainview, and Lubbock Center

**Course Description:** This course is designed for those students who need MATH 0314 or MATH 0324 and did not score a minimum of 340 on the TSIA. It includes properties of signed numbers, algebraic expressions, linear equations in one unknown and geometry. Time in a math lab is required. This course will not satisfy graduation requirements. The course is required if testing indicates a need.

**Prerequisite:** Maximum score of 339 on TSIA without an ABE score or a successful completion of NCBM 0105.

**Credit:** 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 1

**Textbook:** *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra*, Sullivan/Struve/Mazzarella, 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Prentice Hall/Pearson Education

**Supplies:** Please see the instructor's course information sheet for specific supplies.

**This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:** No

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course and receiving a passing grade, the student will be able to:

1. Add, subtract, multiply and divide real numbers.
2. Use the order of operations to simplify an expression.
3. Simplify algebraic expressions.
4. Solve linear equations.
5. Translate and solve word problems.
6. Solve linear inequalities.
7. Graph equations in two variables by the intercept method and the slope intercept method.
8. Evaluate expressions using exponent rules.
9. Add, subtract, multiply and divide polynomials.
10. Factor polynomials.
11. Solve quadratic equations by factoring.

**Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:** None

**Course Evaluation:** There will be a comprehensive departmental final exam given by all instructors.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance and effort are the most important activities for success in this course. Records of your attendance are maintained throughout the semester. Five (5) absences, **for any reason**, are allotted to the student for the semester. Tardies count as one-half (1/2) of an absence. Tardies will be applied for consistently being late to class, as deemed by the instructor and leaving class early. If this number is exceeded, the instructor has the right to drop you with a grade of F or an X, depending on their discretion.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain an unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Disability Statement:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Nondiscrimination Policy:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or [email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**Campus Concealed Carry:** Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php> Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

**SPC Bookstore Price Match Guarantee Policy:** If you find a lower price on a textbook, the South Plains College bookstore will match that price. The difference will be given to the student on a bookstore gift certificate! The gift certificate can be spent on anything in the store.

If students have already purchased textbooks and then find a better price later, the South Plains College bookstore will price match through the first week of the semester. The student must have a copy of the receipt and the book has to be in stock at the competition at the time of the price match.

The South Plains College bookstore will happily price match BN.com & books on Amazon noted as *ships from and sold by Amazon.com*. Online marketplaces such as *Other Sellers* on Amazon, Amazon's Warehouse Deals, *fulfilled by Amazon*, BN.com Marketplace, and peer-to-peer pricing are not eligible. They will price match the exact textbook, in the same edition and format, including all accompanying materials, like workbooks and CDs.

A textbook is only eligible for price match if it is in stock on a competitor's website at time of the price match request. Additional membership discounts and offers cannot be applied to the student's refund.

Price matching is only available on in-store purchases. Digital books, access codes sold via publisher sites, rentals and special orders are not eligible. Only one price match per title per customer is allowed.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.

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	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
Week	1/13	1/15		
<b>1</b>	<b>PreTest/1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>		
	1/20	1/22		
<b>2</b>	<b>MLK Day</b>	<b>1.8</b>		
	1/27	1/29		
<b>3</b>	<b>2.1/Quiz #1</b>	<b>2.2/2.3-- Day 12</b>		
	2/3	2/5		
<b>4</b>	<b>Test #1</b>	<b>2.5</b>		
	2/10	2/12		
<b>5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>		
	2/17	2/19		
<b>6</b>	<b>2.8/Quiz #2</b>	<b>3.1/3.2</b>		
	2/24	2/26		
<b>7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4/3.5</b>		
	3/2	3/4		
<b>8</b>	<b>Test #2</b>	<b>4.1</b>		
	3/9	3/11		
<b>9</b>	<b>4.2/4.3</b>	<b>5.1/5.2/Quiz #3</b>		
	3/23	3/25		
<b>10</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>		
	3/30	4/1		
<b>11</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>TEST #3</b>		
	4/6	4/8		
<b>12</b>	<b>6.1/6.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>		
	4/13	4/15		
<b>13</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>	<b>6.4/Quiz #4</b>		
	4/20	4/22		
<b>14</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>		
	4/27	4/29		
<b>15</b>	<b>Test #4</b>	<b>Review for Final</b>		
	5/4	5/6		
<b>16</b>	<b>Final/5:30 to 7:30 for 5:20 class</b>	<b>Final/5:30 to 7:30 for 7:00 class</b>		

**SUPPLIES:** You will need at least a scientific calculator, pencils, graph paper and a large notebook. The notebook is used for class notes. Notebook paper will be used for homework to be turned in upon request.

**GRADING:** A homework average will be derived from grades obtained from assigned problems and quizzes.

**FINAL AVERAGE** = (major exams + quiz average + final exam score) The quiz average will count for 20%; each major exam will count for 15% each; the final exam will count 20% and may replace the lowest major exam grade.

**EXAMS:** There are 5 major exams. A comprehensive final exam will be given. **There will be NO make-up exams.** The final exam score may replace a lower major exam score or a zero for a missed exam.

**Quizzes:** A quiz grade will be taken from assigned homework on a random basis. Quizzes will be given covering a 3 to 4 day lecture period. **There are NO make-up quizzes given** since these are announced in the syllabus.

**DROPPING A COURSE:** If you decide to drop the course, return a completed official drop form to the registrar's office by:

Jan. 29, the course will not be recorded on your transcript.

April 23, you will receive a W or F as determined by your professor.