

MAT 031 – BEGINNING ALGEBRA

SCHEDULE

Date	Section(s)	Topic
1	1.4,1.8	Exponents & Order of Operations
2	2.1,2.2	Addition & Multiplication Properties of Equality
3	2.3,2.4	Solving Equations, Formulas, & Percents
4	2.5,2.6	Problem Solving
5	3.1,3.2	Graphing Linear Equations
6	3.3,3.4	Slope-Intercept Form of the Equation for a Line
7		Exam 1
8	3.5	Point-Slope Form of the Equation for a Line, Unit Analysis
9	4.1,4.2	Systems of Linear Equations
10	4.3,4.4	Systems of Linear Equations
11	5.1,5.2	Polynomials
12	5.3,5.4	Polynomials in Several Variables
13	5.5,5.7	Dividing Polynomials, Negative Exponents, Scientific Notation
14		Exam 2
15	6.1,6.2	Greatest Common Factor, Factoring Trinomials
16	6.3,6.4	Factoring Trinomials, Special Forms
17	6.5,6.6	Factoring Strategy, Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring
18	7.1-7.3	Multiplying & Dividing Rational Expressions
19	7.4,7.5	Adding & Subtracting Rational Expressions
20		Exam 3
21	7.6,7.7	Solving Rational Equations, Applications
22	8.1,8.2	Finding Roots, Multiplying & Dividing Radicals
23	8.3,8.4	Operations with Radicals, Rationalizing Denominators
24	8.5,9.1	Solving Radical Equations, Solving Quadratic Equations
25	9.2,9.3	Solving Quadratic Equations
26		Exam 4
27		Review for Final Exam
28		Final Exam
29		Review Final Exam
30		Project

MAT 031 - BEGINNING ALGEBRA - POLICIES

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GRADING POLICY:

WEIGHTING

EXAMS 1 - 4	60%
EXERCISES/PROJECTS	20%
FINAL EXAM	20%

GRADING SCALE

90 - 100%	4.0
85 - 89%	3.5
80 - 84%	3.0
75 - 79%	2.5
70 - 74%	2.0
65 - 69%	1.5
60 - 64%	1.0
50 - 59%	0.5
0 - 49%	0.0

ATTENDANCE:

You are expected to attend all class sessions although you will not be graded directly on your attendance. I reserve the right to withdraw you from the class if missed assignments are excessive to the degree that I do not think you will pass the course.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Refer to the JCC academic honesty policy in the JCC handbook for a complete policy description. The potential consequences of violating the academic honesty policy are as follows. If I suspect a student of academic dishonesty I may penalize the student by taking appropriate action up to and including assigning a failing grade for the paper, project, report, exam, or the course itself.

Cellular phones are not to be used for any purpose in the classroom.

ASSIGNMENTS:

In class exercises will be assigned and graded. Unless otherwise specified by the instructor, in class exercises are due at the end of the class session during which they are assigned.

By hand homework will be assigned and graded. Unless otherwise specified by the instructor, this homework is due at the beginning of the class session following the session during which it was assigned. Homework problems must be submitted at the beginning of class or when the instructor arrives at class on the due date or they will not be accepted for credit.

Homework will also be assigned on MyMathLab. The due dates for MyMathLab assignments are specified in MyMathLab.

EXAMS:

Exams will be open notes.

FINAL EXAM:

The final exam will be comprehensive and it will be open notes.

MAKEUP POLICY:

You must notify the instructor in advance if you must miss a class session during which an exam is scheduled or an assignment is due. The instructor, at his discretion, may allow you to take the exam or submit the assigned work early. If this is not possible, the following provisions apply.

- Exams cannot be made up.
- Assigned work that is submitted after it is due will not be accepted for credit. In class quizzes or graded exercises that are missed cannot be made up.

GRAPHING CALCULATOR:

The Texas Instruments TI-83+ or TI-84+ graphing calculator is **required equipment** for this course. You are responsible to obtain one. Throughout the course procedures will be discussed, demonstrated, and used during class that are specific to this calculator. Exams and homework will be TI-83+/TI-84+ calculator dependent. Use of a graphing calculator other than the TI-83+/TI-84+ is strongly discouraged.

ADO OUTCOMES:

This course addresses the following institutionally defined Associate Degree Outcomes:

- Demonstrate computational skills and mathematical reasoning.
- Critical thinking.

REVISION:

I reserve the right to revise any part of this document as I deem necessary throughout the semester. Revisions, if they occur, will be announced during class.