



**Course Syllabus: College Algebra and Support Course
McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering
Math 1233.2R1 and Math 0233.2R1
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Class Meeting Days, Times and Location

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 am – 8:50 am, in Bolin 316

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 am – 9:20 am, in Bolin 316

Course Description

Equations, inequalities, polynomials, rational expressions, exponents, logarithms, radicals, functions, graphs. (This course is designed for students planning to take additional mathematics.)

Learner Outcomes

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate the ability to use mathematical notation, including function notation;
- 2) Evaluate and simplify algebraic expressions;
- 3) Solve and graph linear equations;
- 4) Solve linear inequalities and use interval notation;
- 5) Use the slope-intercept and point-slope forms of an equation;
- 6) Apply basic mathematical operations on polynomials;
- 7) Demonstrate the ability to factor polynomials and solve polynomial equations.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Required: MyMathLab for the text College Algebra with Intermediate Algebra, first edition, by Beecher, Penna, Johnson and Bittinger. Required digital materials for this course are part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. Students are charged for required course materials on their student account with the Business Office. Any students who wish to opt-out of the Program and purchase the required course materials on their own must do so prior to the opt-out date.

Additional Information: There is an eBook within MyMathLab, so purchasing a print copy is optional.

Calculator Requirement: You must have a scientific calculator. Bring your calculator with you to class daily. No cell phones may be used on tests or quizzes.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Office of Student Conduct](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Quizzes (10 at 15 pts each)	150
Homework	150
Exams (5 at 100 points each)	500
Final Exam	200
Total Points	1000

Table 2: Total points needed for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	900
B	800 to 899
C	700 to 799
D	600 to 699
F	Less than 600

Homework and Desire-to-Learn

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. I will be sending group e-mails via D2L. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor. Students may choose to download the BrightSpace Pulse App to access D2L without going to the MSU homepage.

Homework will be assigned using the MyLab system. It must be accessed through D2L. I will provide a handout and in class demonstration. Some issues have been encountered with Macintosh computers. I will post some announcements on MyLab and use the email feature to communicate grade status information for each individual. I can't attach files in MyLab, so I will do that using class wide emails via D2L. Homework problems may be reworked as many times as you like, so a perfect homework score should be attainable. You will usually get three chances on a version of the problem to get the answer correct. If you do not earn the full credit, you can select the "similar question" option. I do not limit the number of times you choose a similar question. You may also use this feature to gain additional practice. The software will allow you to select the best score. Homework will usually be due two days after the instruction on the section(s) has been completed at 11:59pm. Make sure you set the MyLab time to the central time zone. Homework can be completed **after** the initial due date and **before the unit exam** for 75% credit. This reduction in credit only applies to work completed ***after** the full credit deadline. Problems or

parts of problems submitted correctly by the 100% deadline will receive full credit. Some sections may only allow for 1 day of work before the exam. After the unit exam, your homework score will be final. Homework sets not started will become zeros.

Quizzes

As indicated above, there will be 10 quizzes valued at 15 points each. The dates and content will be announced at least 2 days in advance.

Exams

The tentative dates for the hour exams are February 5th, February 26th, March 19th, April 14th and May 5th. I

Student Initiated Drop from Math 0233 and Math 1233

Students who are enrolled in Math 0233 because they are not TSI-complete in mathematics are not allowed to drop either course until March 23, 2026. The last day to drop any course on campus is April 29, 2025, by 4 pm.

For March 23 to April 29, you have two options for dropping, as described below.

- (1) You may drop both Math 0233 and Math 1233 with a W.
- (2) You may choose to drop MATH 1233 but not drop MATH 0233. Your Math 0233 grade will be given as your **current course average in MATH 1233 as of Test 2**. You now have 2 options:
 - a. At the end of the semester, I will record your MATH 0233 grade as your average in MATH 1233 as of test 2. You will not be required to attend any further classes. The next semester, you will repeat both co-requisite courses if your grade in MATH 0233 is a D or F.
 - b. You can request an ALEKS access code paid for by MCOSME to work through self-paced preparatory material for an algebra-based college level course. During the week of final exams, you will take a proctored in-person exam over developmental material or retest on the TSIA2 – math portion. If you are successful on the proctored assessment or TSIA2 retest, I will record a C for MATH 0233, and you will now be TSI complete. If you are not successful on the proctored assessment or TSIA2 retest, I will record your MATH 0233 grade as your average in MATH 1233 as of test 2, and you will have a \$30 charge added to your MSU account to repay MCOSME for the ALEKS access.

***How to become TSI complete Algebra Based**

Students who complete Math 0233 or Math 1233 with a C or better will be TSI-complete Algebra-based at end of the fall semester. Credits earned for Math 0233 do not count as hours towards graduation. Math 1233, College Algebra, is a

college-level core math course. Passing Math 1233 will satisfy the university's core math requirement. Earning a C or better is required to enroll in any math course in which College Algebra is a prerequisite.

Note: A student that does not attain TSI-complete status in mathematics will be required to enroll in a core math course along with its developmental support course until such status is attained.

***When you need help with this course, where can you go?**

1. To your professor's office Bolin 122 H.
 - You can attend scheduled office hours or request another time for help.
 - You should have with you both your notes and all of the related work that you have done over the topics you are seeking help with.

2. The **Tutoring and Academic Support Program (TASP)*, located in Moffett Library, offers additional tutoring in math as well as other courses. You can find out more about their services by visiting their office or searching *TASP* on the MSU website. They offer tutoring Monday through Thursday 1:00pm-9:00pm and Sunday 7:00pm-9:00pm.

Final Exam

The Final Exam will be given from 1 to 3 pm on the Wednesday of Finals week. This semester that will be May 13th. We may in the same room with other sections. The location is yet to be determined. Details will be provided later.

Late Work

In general, the homework is supposed to be completed before the appropriate exam. It would be wise to get the bulk of the work done well before the deadline in case something comes up. An extension might be granted for a documented medical or personal emergency. Such things should be reported to Student Services.

Make Up Tests

Make-up exams are not generally given; however, such exams may be given for an absence that is a result of a documented medical or personal emergency. If an exam is going to be missed due to an approved university activity, the student should request to take the exam early. For missed exams, timely notification (for emergencies, on or before the scheduled day of the exam, and for approved university activities, a week prior to the scheduled day of the exam) is necessary to receive consideration to make up the exam or take the exam early. Once graded exams have been returned to the class, which usually occurs

during the class meeting following the day of the exam, it will no longer be possible to make up a missed exam. No student will be allowed to make up more than one exam during the semester.

Important Dates

- Last day for term schedule changes: January 23.
- Deadline to file for graduation: February 16.
- First Day to drop a developmental class: March 23
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W": April 29.
- Refer to: *[Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

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Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Although in general students are graded on intellectual effort and performance rather than attendance, absences may lower the student's grade where class attendance and class participation are deemed essential by the faculty member. ***A student who accumulates eight absences (combined total from both courses) may be instructor dropped from both Math 0233 and Math 1233 with grades of F. I will warn the student prior to reaching 8 absences.** In such cases, an email will be sent to the student using the student's email within D2L, notifying the student.

In those classes where attendance is considered as part of the grade, the instructor should so inform students of the specifics in writing at the beginning of the semester in a syllabus or separate attendance policy statement. An instructor who has an attendance policy must keep records on a daily basis. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to being dropped from the class. Instructor's records will stand as evidence of absences. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor. Any individual faculty member or college has the authority to establish an attendance policy, providing the policy is in accordance with the General University Policies.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ****Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations; however, they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Instructor Class Policies

Respect the learning environment. Be punctual. Do not be on your phones or watching videos. Do not play music.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees, and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans, and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. Two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund.

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “Run. Hide. Fight.” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: [“Run. Hide. Fight.”](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.