



Course Syllabus: Developmental Supplement for Contemporary Mathematics
Math 0053-1R3 | Fall 2025 | 3 Credit Hours
TR 11am-12:20pm

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Course Description

This course supports students in developing skills, strategies, and reasoning needed to succeed in Contemporary Mathematics. Topics include the theory of elections and apportionment, graphs and networks, financial mathematics, and statistics.

Course Materials

Handouts and Online Homework System

Students will be required to organize all Math 0053 and Math 1053 materials (handouts, notes, etc) and have a **calculator (any kind except on cell phone). **These need to be brought to class every day.****

Students will also be required to have access to MyMathLab for their Math 1053 course. Access to the online copy of the textbook is included with MyMathLab.

Grading

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If the student passes MATH 1053 (CM) with an A, B, C, or D, then the course grade for the developmental support MATH 0053 (DS) course will be calculated as follows:

$$DS = \text{Attendance}(25\%) + (\text{CM} + 10\% \text{ Homework})(75\%)$$

- If the student fails Math 1053 (CM), then the course grade for this class (DS) will be calculated using a weighted average AV

$$AV = \text{CM}(75\%) + \text{DS}(25\%)$$

Attendance

Attendance will be taken **every day**, and an attendance grade will be a portion of your final course grade.

If you are absent from **more than 5 classes (total for both Math 1053 and Math 0053)**, your attendance grade will be negatively affected. Starting with the **sixth absence (total for both Math 1053 and Math 0053)**, 5 points will be deducted from your attendance grade.

If you are absent for **more than 9 classes (total for both Math 1053 and Math 0053)** you may be dropped from the class with a grade of F. If you are instructor-dropped from the class due to attendance, you have one week to complete a drop from Math 1053 with a W. If you do not process a drop from Math 1053 within one week, then you will be dropped with an F from Math 1053 also.

Attendance Policies

Late Arrivals

Any late arrival to class may be counted as an absence at the instructor's discretion. Students who need to leave class prior to the dismissal of class should speak to the instructor beforehand in order to not incur an absence. It is disruptive to the classroom environment for students to leave class for personal reasons and then return to the classroom.

Excused/Unexcused Absences

Absences are not categorized as excused or unexcused. All absences from class will be counted as official absences except authorized absences (as defined in the Student Handbook). If you miss class due to hospitalization, a death in your family, or required quarantine/self-isolation, you should notify the Dean of Students immediately.

Authorized Absences

Absences due to required participation in university-sponsored activities must be approved by the Division Director or Athletic Director and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange with the instructor to make up all work missed during an authorized absence.

Course Policies

Student Drops from MATH 0053

Students will be allowed to withdraw from both Math 0053 and Math 1053 beginning **October 20, 2025**.

You may choose to drop MATH 1053 but not drop MATH 0053. You will be given your current grade in MATH 0053. You now have 2 options:

- a. At the end of the semester, I will record your MATH 0053 grade that you had when you withdrew from MATH 1053. You will not be required to attend any further classes. The next semester, you will repeat both co-requisite courses.
- 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 0053, and you will now be TSI complete. If you are not successful on the proctored assessment or TSIA2 retest, I will record your MATH 0053 grade that you had when you withdrew from MATH 1053, and you will have a \$25 charge added to your MSU account to repay MCOSME for the ALEKS access.

Academic Misconduct

Cheating on any work in this course will result in no credit for that work. Egregious or repeated incidents may result in more serious consequences, including a failing grade in the course, which may be permanent on your transcript, or dismissal from your academic program. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported as specified in the MSU student handbook. University academic dishonesty policies can be found at: https://msutexas.edu/student-life/_assets/files/handbook.pdf For Graded Knowledge Checks, the only allowed resources are pencil, paper, and calculator.

Changes to Syllabus

Some portions of this syllabus may alter during the semester. I will announce changes by email through the D2L email system. You are responsible for knowing everything I email to your D2L email address.

Last Day to Drop

The last date to drop a course with a W is Monday, November 24, 2025

Student Handbook

Make sure you are familiar with the university policies as described in the [student handbook](#). This course will abide by all university policies.

Student Resources

For information about other services available to students, please visit the Student Resources web page at https://msutexas.edu/academics/scienceandmath/student_resources.php

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 Clark Student Center, Room 168, (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 contact the Disability Support Services office.