



***Course Syllabus: College Algebra with Corequisite Support**

Math 1233 Section 203

MWF 2:00-2:50

TTH 2:00-3:20

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***Course Description**

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

***Textbook & Instructional Materials**

For this course you will need ALEKS associated with the textbook College Algebra with Corequisite Support by Miller and Gerken.

You must have a scientific calculator such as a TI30IIXS. Bring your calculator to class with you daily. You may use a graphing calculator for daily use, but you may not use a graphing calculator on quizzes or exams. There will be quizzes and exams (or parts of exams) on which you will not be allowed to use a calculator.

Required digital materials for this course are part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. Student 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 follow the opt-out instructions which are sent to the students' official my.msutexas.edu email address after the first day of class. Please contact the MSU Bookstore if you have any questions about the opt-out process.

***Computer Requirements**

Homework for this course requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ***Assignments 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.** 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! 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](#).

***Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance**

The Tutoring and Academic Support Program (TASP), located in Moffett Library, offers free 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.

***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. 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	Percentage of final grade
Quizzes	10%
Homework	8%
Exam 1	10%
Exam 2	10 %
Exam 3	14 %
Exam 4	14 %
Exam 5	14 %
Final Exam (1233)	20 %
Total Points	100%

**Table 2: Total points for final grade.*

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

***Math 0233 Grade**

At the end of the semester, the course grade for Math 0233 (Developmental Support) will be computed using the following formula.

***Math 0233 grade** = max(grade after exam 2, Math 1233 grade + 10% of homework average).

****Note that there is no extra credit given in these courses**

***Homework**

Homework will be assigned daily over the material that is covered in class. ***Homework is accessed through D2L by clicking on the ALEKS Course Home link on the D2L homepage for Math 1233.** Due dates will be assigned and will be included with each assignment within ALEKS.

There are due dates given within ALEKS for each assignment. Each due date time is 11:59 pm on the day the homework assignment is due. Students may work on an assignment past the due date for two additional days, but there will be a 25% penalty on any problem completed during this late period. Problems within a homework assignment that are completed before the time the assignment is due are awarded full credit. Once an assignment has passed its final due date, you may access it through the ALEKS Gradebook (link in D2L) and work on problems within the assignment without changing your grade on the assignment.

**** Any student who has 7 or more homework assignments with a score of less than 50% may be dropped from both Math 0233 and Math 1233 with grades of F.**

***Quizzes**

Quizzes will be given frequently, either in person or online. Makeup quizzes are not given for any reason.

***Exams**

The tentative dates of the exams are February 5, February 26, March 20, April 14 and May 7. The final exam is scheduled on Wednesday, May 13, 1:00-3:00.

***Make Up Exams**

Make-up and 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. Note that making an appointment during class time is not an excused absence. 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. No exams may be made up due to a student scheduling a vacation on a day when classes are in session.

***Punctuality and Attendance**

Midwestern State University's Attendance Policy, which is contained in the MSU Student Handbook, states that students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Among other things, the policy covers the university's position on authorized absences, including who students should contact to inform faculty in cases of personal emergency or illness requiring hospitalization or prolonged absence. You may wish to review MSU's Class Attendance Policy within the Student Handbook.

Students should make every effort to arrive to class on time and remain for the entire class period. Arriving late and leaving early is a disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Emergencies should not be regular occurrences. If you have a medical condition that warrants needing to leave class on a regular basis, please talk to the instructor and provide her with a doctor's note indicating such.

In particular, what you need to know about being late to this class:

1. You will be considered late if you arrive late but within the first five minutes of class.

2. Three late arrivals are considered an absence. Five late arrivals will be considered as two absences. Each late arrival after the fifth will be considered as an absence.
3. Do not leave class in the middle (to go get a drink or go to the restroom) unless it is an emergency. Any student who leaves in the middle of class and returns will be counted as late for the day. A student who habitually leaves class may be dropped from the course.

In particular, what you need to know about being absent from this class:

1. Any student who leaves class without the permission of the instructor is considered to be absent for the class period and any work submitted will not be graded.
2. Any student caught doing work for another class, or being physically present but not mentally present and engaged in class, will be counted absent.
3. A student who arrives more than ten minutes late is counted absent.
4. Use of a cell phone or any other electronic device during class may result in the student's dismissal from class for the remainder of the period, in which case the student is counted absent and any graded work turned in on that day will receive a grade of zero.
5. A student who accumulates more than three unexcused or more than five total (excused and unexcused combined) absences may be instructor dropped from the class with a grade of WF or F. In such cases, an email will be sent to the student using the student's email within D2L, notifying the student.

***Academic Misconduct Policy**

All work that you do that contributes to your course grade must be your own work. Any evidence that you submitted work that is not your own is considered an act of academic dishonesty. An act of academic dishonesty will be reported to the university and will result in one of the following academic sanctions:

- Receiving a 0 on the homework, quiz or exam.
- Receiving a 0 for the entire grade category for the semester.
- Receiving an F in Math 1233.
- Receiving an F in Math 1233 that will remain permanently on your transcript and within your MSU GPA.

When taking an exam or quiz you are never to receive outside help of any sort. On homework, you may get assistance from others, but you are responsible for understanding what you submit to be graded, and further, no two students are ever to turn in work that appears to be identical. Teachers can detect when a student is copying homework from someone else in the class. Never let someone borrow your work. If you want to help someone understand how to work a problem, talk to them and give them advice or pointers, but never give them

your completed work. In addition, copying solutions from online resources or using online resources to work a problem for you is considered cheating.

***Cell Phone and Earbud Policy**

Earbuds are to be removed and cell phones silenced and stored no later than one minute prior to the time class is to start. Stored cell phones are to be placed in a bag/backpack (not on your leg or under your leg or on your chair, etc.) or placed face down on the desk/table in front of you. A student with a cell phone that is not stored away or placed face down on the desk/table will have their phone or other electronic device placed in a time out bag for the duration of the class. In addition, using a cell phone during a test or quiz will result in a grade of zero on the test or quiz, as well as possibly other penalties under the academic misconduct policy. The penalty of a zero may also apply if your cell phone goes off (texts, calls, alarms, etc.) during a test or quiz.

***Important Dates**

- Last day for term schedule changes: Check date on [*Academic Calendar](#).
- Deadline to file for graduation: Check date on [*Academic Calendar](#).
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W": Check date on [*Academic Calendar](#).
- Refer to: [*Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

***Desire-to-Learn (D2L)**

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. 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.

***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. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

***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 owned or operated by WATC. 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.

***Student Initiated Drops 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. Further, the last day to drop any course on campus is April 29, 2026, by 4 pm. From March 23 to April 6, 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.

***Course Topics**

The following topics may be covered in this class.

Linear Equations and Inequalities

Polynomials

Quadratic Equations

Functions and Relations

Transformations and Analysis of Functions

Polynomial Functions

Rational Functions

Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

***Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of Math 1233, a student will be able to demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, operations, compositions, and inverses, recognize and apply polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions and solve related equations, apply graphing techniques, evaluate all roots of higher degree polynomial and rational functions.