*Math 1233-202 College Algebra
*Spring 2026

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Important Notices (please read carefully)

- If a student misses an in-class test (due to illness or injury), arrangements will be made on a case-by-case basis. In most cases, the final exam will be substituted for the missed test. (please refer to Evaluation 2).

- Should a student be unable to take the Final Exam at the scheduled date (due to illness or injury), he or she will need to contact me before the final exam and contact the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities to request an absence letter to obtain a differed final exam. This office may require documentation before agreeing to write such a letter. Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities Director: Mr. Dail Neely phone: (940) 397-7500

- Samples of students' work from embedded final exam questions will be used in the assessment of critical thinking, communication skills, and empirical and quantitative skills.

- Days when the university is closed (due to inclement weather), the lectures will resume (after the return to class) at the point left before the closure. Missed quizzes or homework due during the closure will be taken or collected immediately the first day of the return to class.

Class Details:

Lectures: MWF 11:00am-11:50am in Bolin 144.
Text: College Algebra by Gary K. Rockswold, 6th edition.
Calculator: Any graphing (recommended) or scientific calculator.

Course Objectives:

The main objectives in this course are to acquire a good understanding of elementary functions of mathematics (and their related equations and inequalities) in preparation of further courses in mathematics such as Trigonometry and Calculus. These functions comprise of Linear, Quadratic, Polynomial, Rational, Logarithmic, and Exponential functions. The graphs of these equations shall be extensively studied to underscore their geometric nature. Numerous real world applications of these topics shall be presented.

Course Outline: The following chapters of the text will be covered:

- Chapter 1 Introductions to Functions and Graphs (except Sec1.1)
- Chapter 2 Linear Functions and Equations.
- Chapter 3 Quadratic Functions and Equations.
- Chapter 4 More Nonlinear Functions and Equations.
- Chapter 5 Exponential and Logarithmic Functions.

Quizzes, Tests, and Final Exam:

- Quizzes will be given about twice a week (30 quizzes in all)
- Quizzes will cover only one section of the text.
- Quizzes will be based on assigned homework (not collected).
- There will be 3 tests during the semester.
- The final exam is comprehensive and compulsory.
- All tests and the final exam will be closed book exams.
- Calculators will be permitted during all exams and quizzes.
- Make-up tests will be granted only in exceptional situations and only when the student has made the request (for a make-up test) several days before the date of the class-scheduled test. Make-up quizzes will never be given.

Test Dates:

- Test No.1 Friday February 27, 2026 (subject to change)
- Test No.2 Wednesday April 8, 2026 (subject to change)
- Test No.3 Wednesday May 6, 2026 (subject to change)
- Final Exam Wednesday May 13, 2026 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Grading:

The course grade for each student will be the better of the two following evaluations:

Evaluation 1

- Quizzes   20%
- Test No.1   15%
- Test No.2   15%
- Test No.3   15%
- Final Exam   35%

Evaluation 2

- Quizzes   20%
- Best Test   15%
- 2nd Best Test 15%
- Worst Test   0%
- Final Exam   50%

Letter Grade:

In this course, the course letter grades will correspond to the following course grades:

- A   85% and above
- B   75% to 84%
- C   65% to 74%
- D   55% to 64%
- F   below 55%

Grade Appeal Procedure:

If you wish to appeal your final course grade, the following link describes the appeal process (to the Dean of the College).

*Grade Appeal Checklist

Important Date:

Last date to withdraw from the course with the grade of W: 4:00pm Wednesday April 29, 2026.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is compulsory. After five absences, students may be withdrawn from the course with the grade of WF (before 04/29/2026) or with the grade of F (after 04/29/2026).

Disabilities Statement:

Students who need special accommodations should inform the Instructor and contact the Disability Support Services Office: Student Wellness Center. Phone: (940) 397-4140.

Academic Dishonesty:

The sanction for academic dishonesty on quizzes, tests, or the final exam will be the assignment of the grade of ZERO on the given test where the dishonesty occurred. This may lead to the failing of the course should the students' course grade fall below the passing grade

*[Academic Honesty Checklist](#)

Use of Technology:

No cell phones will be allowed during quizzes, tests, and the final exam. Students may use any kind of technology (AI, Chegg, etc.) in doing homework problems, but this is not recommended as this often leads to an insufficient understanding of the material.

Student Handbook:

Students should refer to the current MSU Student Handbook and Activities Calendar for university policies on academic dishonesty, class attendance, student rights and activities. The Student Handbook can be found on the MSU website at Student Life, Dean of the Student

*[Student Handbook 2025-2026](#)

Campus Carry Statement:

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at

*[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

*[Safety / Emergency Procedures](#)

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."*](#)

Additional Student Resources:

*[Student Resources](#)