

Grayson College Mathematics Department

Spring 2021 Mrs. McLaren's Syllabus

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Your instructor may be reached through the Canvas Inbox, email, or by phone; however, the easiest way to contact your instructor will be through the Inbox link in Canvas. You should receive a reply within 24 – 48 hours. Please resend your message should you not receive a reply within that timeframe. If you choose to contact me through Instructorsname@grayson.edu, please tell me your name and the class in which you are enrolled in the subject line of your email message. Please know that I will only respond to messages sent via **Canvas** or your **Viking email** account.

Course Title: College Algebra

Course Number: MATH - 1314

Course Description:

In-depth study and applications of polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions, and systems of equations using matrices. Additional topics such as sequences, series, probability, and conics may be included. Students apply their instruction in a lab environment.

Textbook and Required Material:

College Algebra, Miller and Gerken, 2nd Edition, McGraw-Hill Education Publishing, 2016

ISBN-13: 9781260018493 (This includes the textbook and the online access code.)

ISBN-13: 9781260018134 (This includes the standalone online access code, complete with an e-version of the textbook.)

The ACCESS CODE is REQUIRED, whether as a standalone option or bundled with the textbook.

Remote or Online learners need basic technical skills to succeed.

Applications/tools you'll need:

- Access to a computer or laptop (equipped with a webcam and microphone is preferred)
- Grayson email address
- Internet access (high-speed internet connections are best for accessing streamed lecture videos). If access to high-speed internet is a barrier, alternatives to view video content include; viewing in low definition setting, downloading video file to computer for later viewing, or reading lecture transcripts
- Access to word processing software such as Microsoft's Word
- Ability to convert a document to a PDF file format
- Access and ability to navigate Canvas

Skills you'll need:

- Ability navigation of web browsers
- Ability to check and disable popup blockers
- Ability to download and upload documents
- Ability to post discussions in Canvas
- Ability to attend Canvas Conferences at scheduled times

Time Management:

Take charge of your learning from the beginning of the course; allow no time for procrastination to set in. It is recommended that you:

- Log on to your course at least three or four times per week to stay on top of announcements, assignment due dates, and discussion forums
- Read the syllabus on the first day of the course; print off a hard copy or keep a digital copy on your mobile device to refer to throughout the course
- Record all dates for assignments, exams for the entire course in your calendar and add reminders

Prerequisite(s): This course is designed for students who have successfully completed Math 0340, MATH 0330, or whose TSI score has placed them in Math 1314.

Credit Hours: 3 **Lecture Hours:** 3 **Lab Hours:** 1

The lab hour is in class each week for productive struggle. It is embedded throughout the class time.

Methods of Instruction: This course will be taught Face-to-Face (unless instructed to meet online through Canvas Conference, ZOOM, or another online platform) for delivery of lecture/examples of problems during regular class meeting times, Q&A through discussion boards or chat, videos (when applicable), and online platforms of Canvas, Connect Math and ALEKS.

Other Course Materials:

You must have a scientific calculator for this course. Graphing calculators are **NOT** allowed. I recommend the TI-30X IIS. You will **NOT** be allowed to use your cell phone or any other electronic device that can be used for any purpose other than as a calculator.

Student Learning Outcomes: *(Upon completion of this course, students should be able to do the following.)*

1. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions, including domain and range, operations, compositions, and inverses.
2. Recognize and apply polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions and solve related equations.
3. Apply graphing techniques.
4. Evaluate all roots of higher degree polynomial and rational functions.
5. Recognize, solve and apply systems of linear equations using matrices.

Method of Evaluation: *(Grade will be determined by averaging the individual components using the scale shown below.)*

Online ALEKS Checks, ALEKS	10%
Online Quizzes, Connect Math	10%
Online Homework, Connect Math	10%
Exams	70%

Grading Scale: **A** = [89.5]–[100] **B** = [79.5]–[89.4] **C** = [69.5]–[79.4] **D** = [59.5]–[69.4] **F** = [0]–[59.4]

Grade Posting: Grades for each assignment will be posted in Canvas under the course Grades tab. These grades will be posted no later than 7 days after the posted due date. Because your quizzes and online homework assignments are auto-graded in Connect Math, you will receive immediate feedback on those assessments.

Grading Rubric for Math Problems:

The following table illustrates the way in which points will be deducted for errors made on assignments and exams.

Percentage of total point value to be deducted	Description of error(s)
0% - 30%	Minor Error <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct mathematical notation was not used. • The sequence of steps was not written in a logical and organized manner. • Variables were not identified. • Units were not designated. • The method of solution is correct, but there is a sign, arithmetic, copying, or similar minor error in the work. • Correct grammar was not used when a verbal response was required.

30% - 70%	<p>Significant Error</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The method could have worked; a correct start was made, but a substantial error or errors led to the wrong conclusion. • Poor notation, organization, or handwriting made it difficult to follow and understand for the reader. • A correct method was started, but not completed.
70% - 100%	<p>Major Error</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions were not followed. • Method of solution was incorrect. • Problem was left blank.

ALEKS Component:

All students taking MATH 1314 are required to complete the ALEKS online math Knowledge Check. The ALEKS component will be made up of **seven ALEKS checks**.

The **ALEKS Knowledge Check** will identify prerequisite topics students still need to master prior to covering certain material in the course. Students will be required to complete the current topics assigned before being allowed to finish any previous assignment material. Grades are automatically assigned in ALEKS and will be transferred manually into the Canvas gradebook. **At the end of the semester, the lowest score will be dropped.**

Please be aware that technical problems do sometimes occur. If ALEKS's website is unavailable, this does not excuse you from completing the assignment by the deadline. Neither your instructor nor Grayson College may be held responsible for technical difficulties you may experience during the course. Complete your assignments in a timely manner to avoid last minute complications

Homework Policy:

This course requires the completion of **fifteen (15)** homework assignments designed to enhance your understanding of the material presented in class.

Homework assignments will be completed online via the Connect Math online homework platform. You must register on the Connect Math web page using the **access code** that should have been packaged with your textbook. You will also need a Course ID. Please see your Canvas shell or your instructor to retrieve the **Course ID**. Each homework assignment you complete with a grade of **80% or better** will be recorded as a 100% in the Canvas gradebook. A grade **below 80%** will be transferred in as is. While there are **twenty-two (22)** total homework assignments available in Connect Math, only the **top fifteen (15)** will be counted towards your homework average.

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You should also complete the pencil and paper homework for each section. Textbook homework problems are posted in Canvas for additional practice, but are **NOT** required to turn in for a grade. Since the major exams might be traditional pencil and paper exams, it is highly advisable that you do not neglect this learning method.

Math is a cumulative subject that requires frequent practice in order to develop your skills. If one topic is confusing, then the next topic is likely to be more confusing. The general rule of thumb is to spend two hours studying for every hour spent in class. This translates to six hours per week. Your proficiency with math and your success in this class will depend on active practice.

Quiz Policy:

All online quizzes must be completed using Connect Math, an interactive online teaching and learning tool. **Eight (8)** Connect Math quizzes will be given throughout the semester as chapter check-ups. Grades will be transferred to Canvas as the grade earned. There will be **no make-ups** for missed quizzes. Any missed assignments will receive a grade of zero. **At the end of the lowest score will be dropped.**

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Exam Policy:

You will complete four (4) Unit Exams and one (1) comprehensive final exam; the final exam will be recorded twice in Canvas gradebook. At the end of the semester, **one (1) lowest exam grade will be dropped** from Canvas grade book automatically. This policy ensures that the comprehensive final exam is a component of your final course grade.

You will **NOT** be allowed to use **graphing calculators** on exams. You will also **NOT** be allowed to use your cell phone or any other electronic device that can be used for any purpose other than as a calculator on a test.

Late Work Policy:

All online work is due by the listed due dates in ALEKS, Connect Math, and Canvas by 11:59 PM.

Make-up Policy:

A student may request a make-up exam or quiz in the case of an **EXTREME EMERGENCY**. The instructor decides what constitutes an EXTREME EMERGENCY. Make-up exams **must be completed before the next class meeting**.

If you are absent the day of an exam, the missing grade will be the "lowest" exam grade and will be replaced by the Final Exam grade, which is recorded twice in grade book at the end of the semester.

Notice to the instructor must be given as soon as possible in order to take an exam early. Please give at least five (5) days notice.

Attendance Policy:

Academic success is closely associated with regular class attendance and course participation. All successful students, whether on campus or online, are expected to be highly self-motivated. All students are required to participate in courses regularly and are obliged to participate in class activities and complete and submit assignments following their faculty's instructions. Students taking courses during compressed semester timeframes such as mini-mester, summer sessions, and 8-week courses should plan to spend significantly more time per week on the course. Responsibility for work missed because of illness or school business is placed upon the student. Instructors are required to include in their syllabi the attendance policy for the courses(s) they teach. The college considers absences equal to or greater than 15% of the course's requirements to be excessive.

In order for students to be counted as having attended a class before the census date, the following guidelines are to be used:

- Physical attendance in class with an opportunity for instructor and student interaction
- Submission of an academic assignment
- Completion of an exam, interactive tutorial, or computer-assisted instruction
- Attendance at a study group assigned by the faculty
- Participation in an online discussion in the class
- Contact with a faculty member to ask a question

Attendance in this course will be taken for each class period. In the event face-to-face instruction is interrupted by unforeseen circumstances, instructors will take attendance weekly based on the guidelines mentioned above.

Monitoring Online Activities:

Student activity will be monitored several times per week through Canvas activity reports, Canvas discussion board activity, ALEKS Pie and reporting tools, and the Connect Math Time Tracker. Canvas Conference, ZOOM, Respondus Lockdown Browser, and other online tools may also be used to monitor specific student activities such as exams.

Professionalism, Etiquette, and Netiquette:

Professionalism is a set of behavioral skills that are directly transferable to the workplace and that gives a graduate distinctive value. Professional skills enable a more seamless transition from college life to professional life, and include:

- Respect for all individuals, groups, and people.
- Ability to handle stressful situations with professionalism.
- Punctuality and organizational skills.
- Ability to network and establish new relationships.
- Ability to contribute positively to a diverse team.

When communicating with your instructor or classmates online (e.g. through email, discussion forums, or other applications), be as civil and professional as you would in face-to-face interactions:

- Be respectful to those with whom you may disagree and avoid any language that may be construed as angry, hateful, or inappropriate. Please understand that the use of all capital letters in a message indicates aggressive language.
- Respect the privacy of anything that is communicated to you in confidence (i.e. never forward private emails to others without the sender's consent or understanding).
- Always review your messages for clarity and tone before sending an email or posting in a discussion forum.

Resource Material:

Any student enrolled in this class has access to the Math Hub located in the Success Center, room SC-114, and can be reached at (903) 463 – 8663. The lab is staffed with faculty and tutors; in addition, it offers free tutorial help, calculators, and a computer area to watch math videos or work on your online math homework. For more information on the Math Hub (including an orientation video, a video showing how to get to the Math Hub on the Denison campus and hours of operation) go to the following web site: <https://www.grayson.edu/current-students/Academic%20Resources/student-labs/math-hub.html>

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Math Hub will restrict face-to-face tutoring to occur by appointment only. Virtual tutoring will be available through the Math Hub and UPSWING. Please see the announcement in Canvas for instructions on how to access these resources.

Disabilities Services:

The College is committed to meeting the special needs of disabled students and coordinates with agencies such as Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and Texas Department of Human Resources to provide appropriate accommodations.

Students with documented disabilities should contact the Disabilities Services Coordinator in the Success Center preferably before classes start or as early in the semester as possible. Once appropriate documentation for the disability is received, the Disability Services Coordinator will coordinate delivery of approved accommodations with students and their instructors. The College makes the following services available to students with documented disabilities: tutoring, note taking, sign language interpreting, special testing conditions, taped textbooks, scribes, special/modified equipment, and other appropriate services.

Drop/Withdrawal Regulation:

Under section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code, "an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education." Please consult your instructor before you drop a course, and check the current Grayson Registration Guide for the last official day to drop/withdraw from a course.

Drop/Withdrawal Procedure:

To drop this course, you will need to do the following:

1. Attain a Drop/Add form from your instructor or the Admission's Office.
2. Turn in the completed Drop/Add form to the Admission's Office on or prior to the drop date.
3. Make sure your course withdrawal satisfies the college withdrawal policy.
4. You may receive an F if you do not finish this class and do not drop prior to the drop deadline.

Religious Holy Days

Grayson College will allow students who are absent from class for the observance of a religious holiday to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence. The form for requesting absence for holy days may be obtained from the Vice President for Student Services. "Religious holy day" denotes a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under section 11:20, Tax Code. A student who is excused under this section may not be penalized for the absence, but the instructor may appropriately respond if the student fails to satisfactorily complete the assignment or examination.

Evaluation of Instruction:

Grayson College seeks to improve the learning experience of all students. To assist in evaluating courses, students will be requested to complete an online evaluation-of-instruction near the end of the semester.

Student Responsibility:

You have already made the decision to go to college; now the follow-up decisions on whether to commit to doing the work could very well determine whether you end up working at a good paying job in a field you enjoy or working at minimum wage for the rest of your life. Education involves a partnership that requires both students and instructors to do their parts. By entering into this partnership, you have a responsibility to show up for class, do the assignments and readings, be engaged and pay attention in class, follow directions, and put your best effort into it. You will get out of your experience here exactly what you put into it – nothing more and nothing less.

Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected and required to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor. Any student not following this rule will be warned in private and if there is no change in the behavior, the student will be asked to leave the class or receive disciplinary actions according to the Student Handbook -

<https://grayson.edu/current-students/Docs/Student-Handbook-20-21.pdf>

Students are expected to have prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the educational opportunity.

Any behavior that disrupts the learning environment will not be tolerated. Disruptive behavior includes but is not limited to talking while another student or the professor is speaking. Cell phones should be turned off during class, this includes texting. If you truly have an emergency situation, put the phone in silent or vibrate mode and leave the room to answer if you must.

Academic Integrity Policy

The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrates a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work.

- 1st offense will result in a grade of 0 for the exam in which the offense was committed along with a written letter to be added to his/her academic file.
- 2nd offense will result in a grade of F for the course along with a written letter to be added to his/her academic file and given to the dean of academics for further review.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is a form of scholastic dishonesty involving the theft of or fraudulent representation of someone else's ideas or words as the student's original work. Plagiarism can be intentional/deliberate or unintentional/accidental. Unintentional/Accidental plagiarism may include *minor* instances where an attempt to acknowledge the source exists but is incorrect or insufficient. Deliberate/Intentional plagiarism violates a student's academic integrity and exists in the following forms:

- Turning in someone else's work as the student's own (such as buying a paper and submitting it, exchanging papers or collaborating on a paper with someone else without permission, or paying someone else to write or translate a paper),
- Recycling in whole or in part previously submitted or published work or concurrently submitting the same written work where the expectation for current original work exists, including agreeing to write or sell one's own work to someone else,
- Quoting or copy/pasting phrases of three words or more from someone else without citation,
- Paraphrasing ideas without citation or paraphrasing incompletely, with or without correct citation, where the material too closely matches the wording or structure of the original,
- Submitting an assignment with a majority of quoted or paraphrased material from other sources, even if correctly cited, when original work from the student is expected,
- Copying images or media and inserting them into a presentation or video without citation,
- Using copyrighted soundtracks or video and inserting them into a presentation or video without citation,
- Giving incorrect or nonexistent source information or inventing source information,
- Performing a copyrighted piece of music in a public setting without permission,
- Composing music based heavily on someone else's musical composition.

GC Title IX Policy

GC policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, retaliation, serious medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, spousal affiliation and protected veterans status.

Furthermore, Title IX prohibits sex discrimination to include sexual misconduct: sexual violence (sexual assault, rape), sexual harassment and retaliation.

For more information on Title IX, please contact:

- ❖ Dr. Molly M. Harris, Title IX Coordinator (903) 463-8714
- ❖ Ms. Logan Maxwell, Title IX Deputy Coordinator – South Campus (903) 415-2646
- ❖ Mr. Mike McBrayer, Title IX Deputy Coordinator – Main Campus (903) 463-8753
- ❖ Website: <http://www.grayson.edu/campus-life/campus-police/title-ix-policies.html>
- ❖ GC Policy Department: (903) 463-8777 – Main Campus (903) 415-2501 – South Campus
- ❖ GC Counseling Center: (903) 463-8730
- ❖ For Any On-campus Emergencies: 911

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Grayson County College is not responsible for illness/injury that occurs during the normal course of classroom/lab/clinical experiences.

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.

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In case of inclement weather, emergency closings, or other unforeseen disruptions to scheduled classes, student must log onto their Canvas accounts for directions on where or how to continue their coursework.

Course Calendar for MATH1314 College Algebra (Dual-Credit)

Week 1	Introduction ALEKS Knowledge Check Section 2.1 The Rectangular Coordinate System & Graphing Utilities
Week 2	Section 2.3 Functions & Relations Section 2.6 Transformations of Graphs ALEKS Check #1
Week 3	Section 2.7 Analyzing Graphs of Functions & Piecewise-Defined ALEKS Check #2
Week 4	Section 2.8 Algebra of functions & Function Composition Review for Exam 1 Quiz #1: Chapter 2 Check-up (2.1, 2.3) Quiz #2: Chapter 2 Check-up (2.6-2.8)
Week 5	Exam 1 (Chapter 2: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8) Section 5.1 Systems of Linear Equations in Two Variables & Applications Section 6.5 ALEKS Check #3 Lab Check #1
Week 6	Section 6.5 Solving systems of Linear Equations Using Matrices Section 1.4 Quadratic Equations Section 1.5 Applications of Quadratic Equations ALEKS Check #4
Week 7	Section 1.6 More Equations & Applications Section 5.4 Systems of Nonlinear Equations in Two Variables
Week 8	Review for Exam 2 Quiz #3: Chapters 5, 6 Check-up (5.1, 6.5, 5.4) Quiz #4: Chapter 1 Check-up (1.4, 1.5, 1.6) Exam 2 (Chapter 1: 4, 5, 6; Chapter 5: 1, 4; Chapter 6: 5) ALEKS Check #5
Week 9	Section 3.1 Quadratic Functions & Applications

	Section 3.2 Intro to Polynomial Functions Section 3.3 Division of Polynomials & the Remainder & Factor Theorems ALEKS Check #6 Lab Check # 2
Week 10	Section 3.4 Zeros of Polynomials Section 3.5 Rational Functions ALEKS Check #7
Week 11	Review for Exam 3 Quiz #5: Chapter 3 Check-up (3.1, 3.2, 3.3) Quiz #6: Chapter 3 Check-up (3.4, 3.5) Exam 3 (Chapter 3: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
Week 12	Section 4.1 Inverse Functions Section 4.2 Exponential Functions Section 4.3 Logarithmic Functions
Week 13	Section 4.4 Properties of Logarithms Section 4.5 Exponential & Logarithmic Equations & Applications
Week 14	Section 4.6 Modeling with Exponential & Logarithmic Functions Review for Exam 4 Quiz #7: Chapter 4 (4.1, 4.2, 4.3) Quiz #8: Chapter 4 (4.4, 4.5, 4.6)
Week 15	Exam 4 (Chapter 4: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) Review for Final Exam Lab Check #3
Week 16	Final Exam (Chapter 2: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8; Chapter 1: 4, 5, 6; Chapter 5: 1, 4; Chapter 6: 5; Chapter 3: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Chapter 4: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)