

# Course Syllabus

Dixie State University

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**Syllabus for College Algebra/Pre-Calculus (4.0 credits)**

**CRN 45116 Math 1050-50 Fall 2015**

This course fulfills the General Education Mathematics requirement for students majoring in Business, Elementary Education, Health Sciences, Science, and other majors.

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## Course Objectives:

All classes in mathematics at Dixie College support the general education goal of the college. Each class will:

- Require students to perform mathematical processes including fractions, percentages, decimals, proportions/ratios, algebraic equations and/or calculus techniques.
- Provide students with application problems that use a variety of methods including arithmetical, algebraic and geometric methods.
- Challenge students to make inferences from mathematical models that include formulas, graphs and tables.
- Provide students with real-life applications that use a variety of mathematical functions.

Upon successful completion of this course, the students will demonstrate through testing the ability to:

1. Apply functional notation.
2. Determine symmetries that exist in the graph of an equation.
3. Graph polynomial functions and find their intercepts, maxima, and minima.
4. Analyze the key components of the graph of polynomial and rational functions.
5. Compute the composition and inverses of functions.
6. Graph exponential and logarithmic functions.
7. Apply properties of logarithms and exponents in simplifying expressions and solving equations.
8. Solve systems of linear equations using substitution, elimination, matrices, and Cramer's rule.
9. Solve non-linear systems of equations and inequalities.

10. Find terms and sums of terms of arithmetic and geometric sequences and series.
11. Compute the terms of a binomial expansion

**Catalog Description:** Fulfills General Education Mathematics requirement for students majoring in Business, Elementary Education, Health Sciences, Science, and other majors. Reviews fundamental algebra; explores polynomial and rational functions; introduces exponential and logarithmic functions and applications; trigonometric functions dealing with graphs, identities, and equations, including inverse functions. Required for Utah Level 2 and Level 3 Math Endorsements. Satisfies prerequisites for MATH 1060, MATH 1100, MATH 1210(also needs MATH 1060), and MATH 2010, and Mathematics prerequisite for BIOL 3150, and CHEM 1210. FA, SP, SU 4.000 Credit hrs 4.000 Lecture hrs

**Class Structure:** This section will have an extensive computer based component. This means all homework, reviews, and tests will be done, checked and submitted to the instructor through a computer program called MyMathLab (MML). You will need access to a computer with internet for daily assignments. Computer labs on campus are available to those students who do not have internet access.

- **To register for MyMathLab (MML)**, go to <http://www.mymathlab.com/> (Links to an external site.) and
  - Under the heading “Register”, click “Student”.
  - When you are asked for the **COURSE ID** enter **smith70326**
  - Follow the instructions to either create an account, or sign in if you have an existing account. If you are creating a new account, you will need to purchase a student **ACCESS CODE** from either the publisher as you are registering or ahead of time from the bookstore. Check both places to see which is less expensive.
  - When you enter your **email account**, please make sure you use the email that you check the most often.
  - If you have questions, please go to <http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/students/get-registered/index.html> (Links to an external site.) and watch the video found by scrolling towards the bottom of the screen or you may contact customer support service (<http://www.mymathlab.com/student-support> (Links to an external site.)).
  - A 14-day free trial is available through the MML website.

**Prerequisite:** MATH 1000 or Math 1010 (Grade C or higher) within two years of enrollment in this course; OR ACT or equivalent placement score 23 or higher within two years of enrollment in this course; OR CPT score of 89 or higher within the last two years of enrollment in this course.

**eTextbook and Other Expenses:** Software based on: **College Algebra 11/e**, by Lial, Hornsby, Schneider, Daniels (not required) but you need to purchase an access code for MyMathLab (Cost approx. \$95) A scientific calculator (\$8-\$20) is recommended; however, you may use the calculator in MyMathLab. Your instructor will be using the TI 30 XII S calculator.

**Homework:** Assignments are to be completed in MML. Due dates are also posted in MML.

- You must score a minimum of 70% on your homework sets in order to access the test associated with those sections.
- You get three attempts to get a problem correct. If after the third attempt you still have not gotten the problem correct, you may request a similar problem to be generated and graded by clicking on the “Similar Exercise” button at the

bottom of the homework window. You are encouraged to repeat homework problems and obtain a perfect score before the due date.

- If you do not know how to solve a problem, you may select the “Help Me Solve This”, “View an Example”, or other help features in the right hand menu in the MML homework window.
- Your homework will be worth 20% of your overall course grade.
- It is very important that you keep current on the assignments.

**Test Reviews:** Test reviews are to be completed in MML. Due dates are also posted in MML.

- No minimum score is required on your test reviews in order to access the test associated with the reviews.
- You get three attempts to get a problem correct. If after the third attempt you still have not gotten the problem correct, you may request a similar problem to be generated and graded by clicking on the “Similar Exercise” button at the bottom of the homework window. You are encouraged to repeat review problems and obtain a perfect score before the due date.
- If you do not know how to solve a problem, you may select the “Help Me Solve This”, “Textbook” or other help features in the right hand menu in the MML review window.
- Your test review scores will count as homework scores.
- You are highly encouraged to do the reviews to help you prepare for your tests.

**Tests:** Five tests will be given. Each test will be 12% of your overall course grade. **All tests must be taken in the Testing Center.** You may take each test only once. Students are expected to take the tests as scheduled in the syllabus. You may not access the test after the due date. Make-up exams will NOT be given except in documented emergencies, such as death in immediate family, hospitalization (documentation required), active military duty, DSU-sponsored-events requiring mandatory attendance (proof of attendance required). You must notify your instructor immediately in the case of an emergency for consideration and get prior consent if not an emergency. The lowest test score (percentage) can be replaced with the final exam percentage. You may not access other websites or wear headphones while taking the midterm exams. Only non-graphing scientific calculators are allowed on tests.

**Final Exam:** The final comprehensive exam worth 20% of your overall course grade must be taken on \*\*\*\*\* . **You may take the final comprehensive exam only once.** You may not access any other websites or wear headphones while taking your final exam. Only non-graphing scientific calculators are allowed on midterm exams.

**Attendance:** Attendance is essential and may be counted into your grade.

**Calculators:** Only non-graphing scientific calculators are allowed on tests. Cell phones, iPads, Graphing Calculators, etc. may not be used as calculators on tests.

**Grading Policy:** Unit Tests 12% each; Homework/Test Reviews 20%; Final Exam 20%

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

**A** 94 – 100%      **B** 83 – 86%      **C** 70 – 74%      **D** 55 – 59%

<b>A-</b> 90 – 93%	<b>B-</b> 80 – 82%	<b>C-</b> 65 – 69%	<b>D-</b> 50 – 54%
<b>B+</b> 87 – 89%	<b>C+</b> 75 – 79%	<b>D+</b> 60 – 64%	<b>F</b> 0 – 49%

**Respect for Others:** Please plan to arrive on time and be prepared to work (i.e., have your pencil, eraser, book, paper, homework, and calculator). Additionally, please feel free to offer your opinions and questions to the class, but do not carry on side discussions. **Cell phones should be turned off during class and please refrain from text messaging.** In general, students may not engage in an activity which the instructor deems disruptive or counter-productive to the goals of the class. Instructors have the responsibility to remove offending students from the class. Repetition of offensive behavior may result in expulsion from the class.

**Dishonesty:** Dishonesty will not be tolerated in any form. Any student cheating on a test will receive a zero. Giving as well as receiving information is dishonest, so be aware of those around you while taking tests. <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec3/334.html> (Links to an external site.). Instructors are required, by college policy, to report dishonesty to the student conduct committee.

**Policy for Absences Related to College Functions:** <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec5/523.html> (Links to an external site.)

**Disability Resource Center (DRC):** If you are a student with a medical, psychological, or learning disability or think you might have a disability and would like accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center (652-7516) in the North Plaza. The Disability Resource Center (<http://dixie.edu/drcenter/> (Links to an external site.)) will determine eligibility of the student requesting special services and determine the appropriate accommodations related to their disability.

**Library:** A copy of the text and complete solutions manual for in-house use only are at the Reserve Desk in the Library. For more information concerning the library and hours of operation go to <http://library.dixie.edu> (Links to an external site.)

**Writing Center:** The Writing Center is located on the fourth floor of the Holland Centennial Commons if you need assistance with a written assignment in any class. For more information go to [http://dixie.edu/english/dsc\\_writing\\_center.php](http://dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php) (Links to an external site.)

**Tutoring Center:** The Tutoring Center is located on the fourth floor of the Holland Centennial Commons. Drop-in mathematics tutoring is available. More information is available at <http://dsc.dixie.edu/tutoring/index.htm> (Links to an external site.)

**Testing Center:** <http://dixie.edu/testing> (Links to an external site.)

**Computer Lab:** The Computer Lab is located in the Smith Computer Center. For more info go to <http://dixie.edu/cit/cis/> (Links to an external site.)

**Dmail:** You are required to frequently check your Dmail account. Important class and university information will be sent to your Dmail account, including DSU bills, financial aid/scholarship notices, notices of cancelled classes, reminders of important dates and deadlines, and other information critical to your success at DSU and in your courses. To access your Dmail account, visit [go.dixie.edu/dmail](http://go.dixie.edu/dmail) (Links to an external site.). If you do not know your Dmail username or you have forgotten your PIN, visit [go.dixie.edu/mydixie](http://go.dixie.edu/mydixie) (Links to an external site.) and follow the respective instructions.

**MyMathLab (MML):** Please make sure you check your MML account frequently. Go to <http://www.mymathlab.com/> (Links to an external site.) to access MML.

**Withdrawing from or dropping a class:** If you never attend a class, the instructor may withdraw you from it. If you attend even one day, the instructor cannot withdraw you from the class. Since not all instructors will withdraw you for non-attendance, you should take care of that transaction for yourself by going to the registration window. If you quit attending and do not withdraw from the class, you will receive an F or WF which averages into your GPA as an F.

**Changing your schedule:** It is your responsibility, as the student, to ensure the accuracy of your class schedule. Be sure to check at the beginning of the semester and after every change you make to your schedule. Run a hard copy and keep it!

**Complete Withdrawal:** Dropping all classes by phone or online does not withdraw you from the college and you may receive all F's. You must contact the Advisement Center, complete a withdrawal form, and surrender your student ID card

**Changes:** Although unlikely, this syllabus and/or the assignment schedule may be changed if deemed necessary by the instructor. All changes will be announced in class and/or sent to you via MML.

**Important Dates:** <http://new.dixie.edu/reg/?page=fall2015> (Links to an external site.)

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### Recommended Schedule – Math 1050 College Algebra – Spring 2015

Date	Day	Assignment	Date	Day	Assignment
Aug 24	Mon	Orientation	Oct 14	Wed	Sec. 4.1 Inverse Functions/ <b>Optional 3rd Day: Chapter 3 Test</b>
Aug 25	Tues	Sec. 1.1 Linear Equations	Oct 15	Thurs	Fall Break
Aug 26	Wed	Sec. 1.2 Applications & Modeling with Linear Equations	Oct 16	Fri	Fall Break
Aug 27	Thurs	Sec. 1.3 Complex Numbers	Oct 19	Mon	Sec. 4.2 Exponential Functions/ <b>Optional 4th Day: Chapter 3 Test</b>
Aug 31	Mon	Sec. 1.4 Quadratic Equations	Oct 20	Tue	Sec. 4.3 Logarithmic Functions
Sep 1	Tues	Sec. 1.5 Applications & Modeling with Quadratic Equations	Oct 21	Wed	Sec. 4.4 Change of Base

Sep 2	Wed	Sec. 1.6 Other Equation Types & Applications	Oct 22	Thu	Sec. 4.5 Exp and Log equations
Sep 3	Thurs	Sec. 1.7 Inequalities	Oct 26	Mon	Sec. 4.6 Exp Growth and Decay
Sep 7	Mon	NO SCHOOL	Oct 27	Tues	Review/ <b>Chapter 4 Test</b>
Sep 8	Tues	Sec. 1.8 Absolute Value Equ & Inequ	Oct 28	Wed	Review/ <b>Chapter 4 Test</b>
Sep 9	Wed	Review/Chapter 1 Test	Oct 29	Thurs	Sec. 5.1 Systems of Linear Equations Optional <b>3rd</b> Day: Chapter 4 Test
Sep 10	Thurs	Review/ Chapter 1 Test	Oct 30	Fri	Optional <b>4th</b> Day: Chapter 4 Test
Sep 11	Fri	<b>Optional 3rd Day: Chp 1 Test</b>	Oct 31	Sat	Optional <b>5th</b> Day: Chapter 4 Test
Sep 12	Sat	<b>Optional 4th Day: Chp 1 Test</b>	Nov 1	Sun	Optional <b>6th</b> Day: Chapter 4 Test
Sep 13	Sun	<b>Optional 5th Day: Chp 1 Test</b>	Nov 2	Mon	Sec. 5.3 Determinants/ Optional <b>7th</b> Day: Chapter 4 Test
Sep 14	Mon	Sec. 2.1 Rect. Coordinates & Graphs/ Optional 6th Day: Ch 1 Test	Nov 3	Tue	Sec. 5.4 Partial Fractions
Sep 15	Tues	Sec. 2.2 Circles	Nov 4	Wed	Sec. 5.4 Partial Fractions
Sep 16	Wed	Sec. 2.3 Functions	Nov 5	Thu	Sec. 5.5 Nonlinear Systems of Equations
Sep 17	Thurs	Sec. 2.4 Linear Functions	Nov 9	Mon	Sec. 5.6 Systems of Inequalities and Linear Programming
Sep 21	Mon	Sec. 2.5 Equations of Lines & Linear Models	Nov10	Tue	Sec. 6.1 Parabolas
Sep 22	Tues	Sec. 2.6 Graphs of Basic Functions	Nov11	Wed	Sec. 6.1 Parabolas
Sep 23	Wed	Sec. 2.7 Graphing Techniques	Nov12	Thu	Sec. 6.2 Ellipses
Sep 24	Thurs	Sec. 2.8 Function Operation & Composition	Nov16	Mon	Sec. 6.2 Ellipses
Sep 28	Mon	Review/ Chapter 2 Test	Nov17	Tue	Review/ <b>Chapter 5-6 Test</b>
Sep 29	Tues	Review/ Chapter 2 Test	Nov18	Wed	Review/ <b>Chapter 5-6 Test</b>
Sep 30	Wed	Sec 3.1 Quadratic Functions/Optional 3rdDay: Chp 2 Test	Nov19	Thu	Sec. 7.1 Sequences & Series/ <b>Optional 3rd Day: Chapter 5/6 Test</b>
Oct 1	Thurs	3.2 Synthetic Division/	Nov20-23	Fri-Mon	<b>Optional 4th, 5th,6th,7th Day: Chapter 5/6 Test</b>

Optional 4th Day: Chp 2 Test

Oct 2	Fri	Optional 5th Day: Chp 2 Test	Nov23	Mon	Sec. 7.2 Arithmetic Sequences
Oct 3	Sat	Optional 6th Day: Chp 2 Test	Nov24	Tue	Sec. 7.2 Arithmetic Sequences
Oct 4	Sun	Optional 7th Day: Chp 2 Test	Nov25-27	Wed-Fro	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving
Oct 5	Mon	Sec. 3.3 Polynomial Function Zeros/ Optional 8th Day: Chp 2 Test	Nov30	Mon	Sec. 7.3 Geometric Sequences
Oct 6	Tues	Sec. 3.4 Polynomials: Graphs, Applications, and Models	Dec1	Tues	Sec. 7.4 The Binomial Theorem
Oct 7	Wed	Sec. 3.5 Rational Functions: Graphs, Applications, and Models	Dec2	Wed	Sec. 7.4 The Binomial Theorem
Oct 8	Thurs	3.6 Variation	Dec3	Thurs	Sec. 7.6 Counting Theory
Oct 12	Mon	Review/ Chapter 3 Test	Dec7-10	Mon-Thurs	Final Review
Oct 13	Tues	Review/ Chapter 3 Test	?	?	Final Exam