

**South Plains College**  
**Common Course Syllabus: MATH 1324**  
**Spring 2020**

**Department:** Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science

**Discipline:** Mathematics

**Course Number:** MATH 1324

**Course Title:** Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences

**Available Formats:** conventional and internet

**Campuses:** Levelland, Reese, and Dual Credit

**Course Description:** The application of common algebraic functions, including polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and rational, to problems in business, economics, and the social sciences are addressed. The applications include mathematics of finance, including simple and compound interest and annuities; systems of linear equations; matrices; linear programming; and probability, including expected value.

**Prerequisite:** Minimum score of 350 on the TSIA, TSI-exempt status, or a successful completion with a grade of 'C' or better in MATH 0320.

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

**Textbook:** *Mathematics with Applications in the Management, Natural, and Social Sciences*, Lial, Hungerford, Holcomb, and Mullins, 2019, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, Prentice Hall/Pearson Education

**Supplies:** Please see the instructor's course information sheet for specific supplies.

**This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:** Mathematics Foundational Component Area (020)

**Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:**

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Empirical and quantitative competency skills**—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course and receiving a passing grade, the student will be able to:

1. Apply elementary functions, including linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, logarithmic, and exponential functions to solving real-world problems.
2. Solve mathematics of finance problems, including the computation of interest, annuities, and amortization of loans.

3. Apply basic matrix operations, including linear programming methods, to solve application problems.
4. Demonstrate fundamental probability techniques and application of those techniques, including expected value, to solve problems.
5. Apply matrix skills and probability analyses to model applications to solve real-world problems.

**Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:** A pre- and post-test questions will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester

**Course Evaluation:** There will be departmental final exam questions given by all instructors.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance and effort are the most important activities for success in this course. Records of your attendance are maintained throughout the semester. Five (5) absences, **for any reason**, are allotted to the student for the semester. Tardies count as one-half (1/2) of an absence. Tardies will be applied for consistently being late to class, as deemed by the instructor and leaving class early. If this number is exceeded, the instructor has the right to drop you with a grade of F or an X, depending on their discretion.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain an unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about

ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Disability Statement:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Nondiscrimination Policy:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**Campus Concealed Carry:** Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>  
Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

**SPC Bookstore Price Match Guarantee Policy:** If you find a lower price on a textbook, the South Plains College bookstore will match that price. The difference will be given to the student on a bookstore gift certificate! The gift certificate can be spent on anything in the store.

If students have already purchased textbooks and then find a better price later, the South Plains College bookstore will price match through the first week of the semester. The student must have a copy of the receipt and the book has to be in stock at the competition at the time of the price match.

The South Plains College bookstore will happily price match BN.com & books on Amazon noted as *ships from and sold by Amazon.com*. Online marketplaces such as *Other Sellers* on

Amazon, Amazon's Warehouse Deals, *fulfilled by Amazon*, BN.com Marketplace, and peer-to-peer pricing are not eligible. They will price match the exact textbook, in the same edition and format, including all accompanying materials, like workbooks and CDs.

A textbook is only eligible for price match if it is in stock on a competitor's website at time of the price match request. Additional membership discounts and offers cannot be applied to the student's refund.

Price matching is only available on in-store purchases. Digital books, access codes sold via publisher sites, rentals and special orders are not eligible. Only one price match per title per customer is allowed.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.

**Math 1324.005TR Syllabus**  
**Mathematics for Business, Economics, Life and Social Sciences**

<b>Instructor:</b> Mrs. Morgan Groves	<b>Office Hours:</b> MW 10:45am – 12:15pm
<b>Email:</b> mgroves@southplainscollege.edu	TR 10:45am – 12:00pm
<b>Office:</b> 223F – Reese Building 2	8:00am – 11:00am Fridays
<b>Office Phone:</b> 716-2735	(or by appointment)

**Textbook:** This section does NOT require you to purchase a physical textbook. All resources are online through MyMathLab.com (the online homework system) or in your class notes found on Blackboard. You can purchase a physical copy of the book below if you desire, but an electronic copy is available online after you gain access to MML.

**Course Requirements:** To maximize the potential to complete this course, a student should attend all class meetings, take notes and participate in class, and complete all homework assignments and examinations including the final exam in the allotted time.

<b>Grading:</b>	Tests (4 total)	65%	<b>Grading Scale:</b>	A 90-100
	Homework/Labs	15%		B 80-89
	Final Exam	20%		C 70-79
	Bonus Tests	5%		D 60-69
			F 59 or below	

*\*\*\*Note: Students must justify answers or show work on all problems to receive full credit.*

**Homework:** All homework assignments will be on MyMathLab, an online homework system (see instruction page for directions on how to register). Homework is to be completed by the due dates posted on each assignment. No late homework will be accepted. The use of any math solving apps/programs (i.e. PhotoMath, etc.) is strictly prohibited and can result in academic dishonest proceedings. All work in this class must be your own!!

**Tests:** There will be a total of 4 exams in this course. No notes/homework/textbooks will be allowed on ANY exam. All exams are expected to be completed in the allotted class time, no exceptions. No exam grades will be dropped. Exam corrections are for your own learning well-being and will not be graded but are expected to be completed after each exam is returned. It is in your best interest to save ALL graded documents until your final grade is assigned at the end of the term. ***If you do not take the final exam, you will fail the class regardless of your average at the time of the final.***

**Bonus Tests:** There are weekly bonus tests on MyMathLab. If you complete these tests, you can earn up to 5 percentage points added to your final grade. These tests are optional but they are timed and they do expire at the end of each week. The average of your bonus test scores will determine the number of points added to your final average (i.e. If you average 80% on the bonus tests, then you will be awarded  $80(0.05) = 4$  points to your final average.) Any bonus test you skip will be scored as a 0.

**Late work:** Late work is not accepted. If you do not turn in an assignment on time, you will receive a zero.

**Class Notes:** The class notes (outline) will be posted on Blackboard for you to print. It is the responsibility of the student to bring the notes to class everyday. Be sure to look at the tentative calendar to see what topics we will cover next.

**Calculators:** There will be times throughout the year when students will need a graphing calculator to complete an assignment. This course is taught under the assumption that each student owns a graphing calculator. I recommend a TI 84 series calculator. TI NSpires are NOT recommended unless you are an expert at using them, as the instructor will be of little help.

**Class Rules:**

- Be on time and ready to learn.
- Use only pencil for all assignments.
- Students are not permitted to use electronic devices, other than a calculator, in class. **Put the cell phones away!!**
- During testing, all cell phones should be placed on SILENT or turned off, and all smart watches need to be removed and placed on the floor face-down to the left of your seat. Any student who leaves the classroom for any reason (bathroom, phone call, etc.) during an exam will not be allowed to continue the exam upon their return. Once you leave the classroom during an exam, you are done.
- Adhere to the requirements of the Student Code of Conduct.

<b>Tentative Calendar for Math 1324</b>			
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Tuesday	Jan 14	Introduction/Graphs & Equations of Lines	Syllabus, 1.1
Thursday	Jan 16	Functions & Linear Inequalities	1.2
Tuesday	Jan 21	Linear Business Applications	1.3
Thursday	Jan 23	Quadratic Functions	1.4
Tuesday	Jan 28	Polynomial Functions	1.5
Thursday	Jan 30	Rational Functions	1.6
Tuesday	Feb 4	Unit 1 Lab	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	<b>Unit 1</b>
Tuesday	Feb 11	Exponential Functions and Applications	2.1
Thursday	Feb 13	Logarithmic Functions & Properties	2.2
Tuesday	Feb 18	Exponential & Logarithmic Equations	2.3
Thursday	Feb 20	Simple and Compound Interest	2.4
Tuesday	Feb 25	Annuities	2.5
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 27</b>	Unit 2 Lab	
Tuesday	Mar 3	<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>Unit 2</b>
Thursday	Mar 5	Systems of Linear Equations (2x2)	3.1
Tuesday	Mar 10	Gauss-Jordan Elimination, Applications of Systems	3.2
Thursday	Mar 12	Matrix Operations, Inverses, and Input-Output Analysis	3.3
	Mar 16 – 20	<b>Spring Break</b>	
Tuesday	Mar 24	Graphing Linear Inequalities Linear Programming: Graphical Method	3.4
Thursday	Mar 26	Unit 3 Lab	
Tuesday	Mar 31	<b>Exam 3</b>	<b>Unit 3</b>
Thursday	Apr 2	Linear Programming: Simplex Method	4.1
Tuesday	Apr 7	Linear Programming: Duality	4.2
Thursday	Apr 9	Linear Programming: Two-Phase Nonstandard	4.3
Tuesday	Apr 14	Unit 4 Lab	
Thursday	Apr 16	<b>Exam 4</b>	<b>Unit 4</b>
Tuesday	Apr 21	Sets, Probability, & Expected Value	5.1
Thursday	Apr 23	Markov Chains	5.2
Tuesday	Apr 28	Unit 5 Lab	
Thursday	Apr 30	Review	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>Final Exam</b> <b>8:00am – 10:00am</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>

Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>: Last Day to Drop a Class