# Course Syllabus

**COURSE TITLE**: College Algebra  
**COURSE NUMBER**: MAC 1105 CRN 10707  
**PREREQUISITES**: Credit Level MAT 1033 Minimum Grade of C or Suitable Placement Score  
**CREDIT HOURS**: 3  
**CONTACT HOURS**: 45  
**CLASS MEETING TIMES**: W 5:30pm – 8:20pm in MK-5, Room 5210  
**CLASS METHOD**: Traditional Face-To-Face Lecture  

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**CLASS MEETING TIMES**  
- TR: 1:15pm – 2:15pm in Coral Shores; 4:30pm – 5:30pm in Coral Shores  
- W: 9:00am – 10:00am in Coral Shores  

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**: This course is a study of functions and their properties. The functions studied include polynomials, rational, absolute value, radical, exponential, and logarithmic. Properties include functional notation, domains, ranges, graphs, operations, and inverses. Application problems are designed so that they can be applied to practical situations.  

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**: Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to demonstrate knowledge (by successfully answering questions on an objective examination) of the following topics:  

1. Understand functions and functional notation.  
2. Graph functions and relations.  
3. Identify the domains and ranges of functions.  
4. Graph linear, quadratics, polynomial and rational functions.  
5. Understand and graph absolute value and radical functions.  
6. Use basic arithmetic operations on functions.  
7. Understand and identify inverse functions.  
8. Understand exponential and logarithmic properties, functions and equations.  
**Required Course Material**  MyMathLab Student Stand Alone Access Kit

**Optional Textbook**  Algebra and Trigonometry, An Early Functions Approach (2nd Edition)

**Publisher**  Pearson

**Author**  Robert Blitzer

**ISBN**  978-0-321-58870-8

**Note**  If you already have a MyMathLab account with Pearson, you do not need to purchase another one. To access this course on MyMathLab, simply engage the function that enrolls you in a new course using the Course ID **holsapple30408**. If you have never used MyMathLab before, follow the directions in the box below. Regardless of whether or not you have an access code, temporary access is free for 14 days.

**Directions for Creating Your Pearson MyMathLab Account**

1. Click here: [www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com](http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com).
2. Next click on “Student” under the “Register” heading at the right side of the screen.
3. You will be redirected to a page and asked to “Enter Your Course ID.” In the field marked “Course ID” enter **holsapple30408**. You will be redirected to a new page.
4. If you already have an account with Pearson, enter your “Username” and “Password.” Otherwise, you will need to follow the steps after clicking on “Create”.
5. After you complete step 4, you should be redirected to a screen which prompts you to use an access code, a credit card, PayPal, or register with temporary access. It is thus possible for each student to register for access on the first day of class. Once you have completed this step, you should be asked if you wish to go to the course, and the registration should be complete.

**Course Content**

- Chapter 1 – Functions and Graphs – Sections 1.1-1.9
- Chapter 2 – Equations and Inequalities – Sections 2.3-2.4 & 2.6*
- Chapter 3 – Polynomial and Rational Functions – Sections 3.1-3.3, 3.5-3.6 & 3.4*
- Chapter 4 – Exponential and Logarithmic Functions – Sections 4.1-4.4 & 4.5*

* We will cover these sections as time permits.

**Grading Criteria**

- Quizzes and Class Participation 10%
- Homework 15%
- Midterm Exams 1-3 45% (15% each)
- Final Exam 30%

**Grading Scale**

I do not round off final averages.

- If your final average is \( \geq 90 \), your grade will be an **A**.
- If your final average is \( \geq 80 \) and \( < 90 \), your grade will be a **B**.
- If your final average is \( \geq 70 \) and \( < 80 \), your grade will be a **C**.
- If your final average is \( \geq 60 \) and \( < 70 \), your grade will be a **D**.
- If your final average is \( < 60 \), your grade will be an **F**.


**Attendance:** Class attendance is critical for your success in this course. As such, class attendance is mandatory. I will monitor student attendance and participation in educational activities on a regular basis. Students who do not regularly participate in class by submitting the assignments that are due each week, or are considered absent for more than two weeks during the semester, are subject to administrative withdrawal at any time without notice. An instructor may withdraw a student from courses for excessive absences and/or non-attendance up to the 70% point in the semester.

**Quizzes and Class Participation:** There will be five to ten IN-CLASS quizzes throughout the semester. Some quizzes will be scheduled in advance, and I will notify you about them in the prior class meeting. However, some quizzes will be given without notice. The quizzes will consist of one to three homework-level problems over the most recent course material which you have already had the opportunity to complete homework assignments on. There will be no make-up quizzes. A very small portion of your grade will be due to the subjective classification listed above as “Class Participation.” Class Participation takes on several forms. I consider attendance and punctuality to fall into this category. Excessive tardiness is rude and disruptive to the other students, to your instructor, and to the learning process itself. If you are excessively tardy or if you consistently disrupt class by leaving early, your Class Participation grade will suffer. If you regularly make no effort to pay attention in class, e.g., sleep, use cell phone, laptop, tablet, etc., your Class Participation grade will suffer. I will not ask students to go to the board and solve problems, but I do like to interact with the class and ask questions during the lecture about material we have already covered. I expect all students to participate in this classroom interaction.

**Homework:** To help you succeed in this course, you should do all of the MyMathLab homework assignments. Additionally, you should read the entire section in the textbook which covers the material for the lecture. Ideally, you should familiarize yourself with the section by skimming it prior to the lecture, and then read it thoroughly after the lecture. If this is not feasible due to time constraints, then you should at least read the section thoroughly after the lecture. I will notify you in class when a homework assignment will be posted on MyMathLab and when it is due. No homework assignment will be accepted past its MyMathLab due date. If you miss class and want to know what we covered while you were absent, you may email me and I will tell you the sections that we covered and what (if any) homework was assigned.

**Exams:** Three timed midterm exams will be conducted using MyMathLab. The schedule of and material on each of these exams will be determined as the semester progresses. I will give notification in class at least one week prior to each exam; however, if possible I will give a two week notice. As you complete a midterm exam, you are required to write out your solution process (show all your work) to each problem. These solutions should be turned into me at the next class meeting. The Final Exam will be comprehensive, and will be conducted IN-CLASS. Make-ups for all exams will be handled on a case-by-case basis. For a midterm exam, the following policy applies. If your absence is unexcused, you will get a zero on the exam. If you get the absence excused by me, I will offer you two options: (A) replace your zero with your score on the Final Exam, (B) take a make-up exam within seven days. If you choose option B, the exam will be different than the original exam and more challenging due to your increased amount of time to prepare for it. For the final exam, make-ups may be offered to students with emergencies, but only if they can provide acceptable documentation of the emergency.

**Technology Usage:** You are welcome to use calculators to help you complete the MyMathLab homework assignments, but I implore you not to become dependent upon them. I will not allow calculators on quizzes or on the Final Exam. Since the three midterm exams will be conducted using MyMathLab, I cannot reliably ban their use on those exams. As such, you should not feel discouraged from using them to assist you with cumbersome arithmetic on the midterm exams. However, I must reiterate my warning above that you not grow to NEED the calculator, since they will not be allowed on
the Final Exam. At no time during ANY exam may you use any computer program known as a computer algebra system (e.g., MATLAB, Mathematica, Maple) to assist you with solving problems. Additionally, you may not use a mobile device, desktop computer, laptop or tablet to search the internet for solutions to ANY exam problem.

**E-mail Communication:** All class e-mail communications should be conducted using your FKCC e-mail address. The primary responsibility for timely communication rests with YOU – THE STUDENT.

**Classroom Decorum:** A positive learning experience depends upon respect among all members of this classroom community. Disregard or disrespect for the process, the group, or toward any individual will result in removal from the class and may result in being dropped from the course. This includes coming to class late or leaving class early, both of which are disruptive to the learning process. Using a mobile device, laptop, or tablet computer to talk, text, play a game, write an email, write a paper or whatever can be distracting to students near you and is almost always distracting to your instructor. As such, you may not use these devices during the lecture, and all mobile devices must be silenced.

**Academic Dishonesty:** Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in no credit for the assignment, test, or exam during which it occurs and possible notification to the Dean of Student Affairs and Accreditation.

**Special Needs:** If you have any special needs or requirements pertaining to this course, please discuss them with the instructor early in the term. If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and need assistance, please notify the Office for Students with Disabilities at 305-809-3504 via email at: karla.malsheimer@fkcc.edu or the course instructor immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.

**Sexual Predators:** Federal and State law requires a person designated as a “sexual predator or offender” to register with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The FDLE then is required to notify the local law enforcement agency where the registrant resides, attends or is employed by an institution of higher learning. Information regarding sexual predators or offenders attending or employed by an institution of higher learning may be obtained from the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for the particular campus, by calling the FDLE hotline (1-888-FL-PREDATOR) or (1-888-357-7332), or by visiting the FDLE website at www.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators. If there are questions or concerns regarding personal safety, please contact the Campus Security Officer on your campus.

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