

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Mathematics

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Course: MATH-1150-ES36 (College Algebra)
Class Time: TT 17:30–19:25 CDT
Class Room: ESQ 100C

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I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number: MATH-1150
Course Title: College Algebra
Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in MATH-1100 or a grade of B or higher in MATH-1103 or an appropriate score on a math placement test.
Catalog Description: A study of college algebra with emphasis on functions in preparation for advanced math & science coursework. Topics include solving equations and inequalities, graphing and modeling using polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions, systems of equations, and analytic geometry.
Credit Hours: 4.5
Class Hours: 40 ¼
Lab Hours: 0
Total Contact Hours: 40 ¼

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:*

- A. Review solving algebraic equations and inequalities.
- B. Investigate functions, function notation, and properties of functions.
- C. Find information about polynomial, rational, and exponential functions, including elementary functions.
- D. Develop techniques for graphing elementary functions, with an emphasis on graphing polynomial, rational, and exponential functions.
- E. Use functions to model and interpret geometric, economic, financial, and biological applications.
- F. Use equations to solve applications.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Student Learning Outcomes: *Student will be able to:*
 - 1. Solve equations and inequalities.
 - 2. Identify properties of a function using its equation and/or its graph.
 - 3. Use a variety of techniques to create a graph of a function.
 - 4. Create and use functions to model applications.
 - 5. Use problem solving skills to model and solve applications.
 - 6. Set up and solve systems of linear equations.

- B. General Education Learning Outcomes**
1. Problem Solving: The ability to define a problem, propose hypotheses and strategies for testing solutions, implement outcomes that address all factors of the problem, evaluate results, and define any need for further work. *(GELO 3)*
 2. Quantitative Reasoning: The ability to reason and solve quantitative problems in a variety of contexts utilizing mathematical manipulations such as words, data sets, graphs, tables, etc. *(GELO 6)*
 3. Thinking Critically: The ability to examine data, ideas, issues and arguments; understand and evaluate assumptions and evidence; and reach logically valid conclusions. *(GELO 2)*

IV. CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE

- A. Review techniques for solving algebraic equations and inequalities.
- B. Review basic geometry concepts (distance, midpoint, area).
- C. Functions and their graphs with applications.
- D. Modeling with linear and quadratic functions.
- E. Analyzing and graphing polynomial and rational functions.
- F. Properties of exponential and logarithmic functions.
- G. Solving exponential and logarithmic equations.
- H. Graphing exponential and logarithmic functions.
- I. Modeling and applications using exponential and logarithmic functions.

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Required Text: Sullivan, *Algebra & Trigonometry*, 9th Edition, Pearson (Prentice Hall), 2012: hardback, looseleaf, or through MyMathLab.
- B. Additional resources:
 1. A graphing calculator is suggested.
 2. A MyMathLab access code is recommended.

VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

- A. Lecture
- B. Class discussions
- C. Small group activities
- D. MyMathLab (optional)

VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A. Homework in small groups
- B. Individual extra-credit and make-up homework
- C. Comprehensive final exam
- D. SCC grading scale:

A+	95%+	C+	75%+	F	59.99%–
A	90%+	C	70%+		
B+	85%+	D+	65%+		
B	80%+	D	60%+		

VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

None

SYLLABUS STATEMENTS

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Americans with Disabilities Act – Reasonable Accommodations

If you have a disabling condition that may substantially limit your ability to participate in this class, it is your responsibility to contact the Disability Services provider on campus. For additional information and assistance contact:

Lincoln	Room J2	402-437-2620
Milford	Assessment Office	402-761-8202
Beatrice	Jackson Hall – Room J406	402-228-8242

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