



NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Name & Number	Intermediate Algebra MATH 0310.418	Semester & Year	Mondays , 6:30-9:25 pm COR 262 Spring 2010
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Catalog Description	Concepts instructed in this course are algebraic including polynomials and rational expressions, linear expressions and inequalities, exponents and radicals, absolute value equations and inequalities, factoring, and quadratic equations and graphs. This course does not count toward graduation at NCTC.
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Prerequisite for MATH 0310	Pass Math 0305 with a "C" or better or <i>THEA</i> score placement.
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Course Competencies	At the completion of the course the student should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• factor polynomials.• solve equations and inequalities.• perform operations with radicals and rational exponents.• solve and graph quadratic functions.
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Textbooks & Materials Required / Recommended	John Tobey, Jeffrey Slater, & Jamie Blair: <u>Beginning and Intermediate Algebra</u> , Prentice Hall, Inc., 2010, 3 rd ed. Basic and scientific calculators are permitted. Graphing, cell phone, and PDA calculators are not permitted. MyMath Lab is an optional learning aid; course id: ettredge36763
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Class Rules	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Silence all electronic devices prior to entering class.2. Administrative policy prohibits food or drink in classrooms.3. Be courteous to your fellow classmates.4. Maintain a positive and professional attitude.5. Ask questions, get involved, and do your homework. You cannot learn algebra by just watching.6. Please notify me if you are absent to verify material covered and assignment.
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Grading Policy & Procedures

Grade Scale: 90 – 100% = A; 80 – 89% = B; 70 – 79% = C; Below 70% = F
Final average will be determined from four chapter tests, a comprehensive final exam, a library project, and homework. No makeup tests are given during the semester.

- ✓ **ALL HOMEWORK & EXAMS MUST BE DONE IN PENCIL!!!**
- ✓ **Homework is mandatory.** Homework will be assigned each class meeting according to the homework assignment sheet. Homework should be organized in a neat and readable manner; label each assignment with section #, page #, and problem #s assigned; number problems; circle answers if not obvious; staple multiple pages; not ragged spiral edges. **DO NOT** crowd your work. **Show all work!** No credit will be given for turning in only answers. Homework is due the class meeting after assigned. **LATE HOMEWORK will not be accepted.**
- ✓ **Project:** The project will be assigned after mid-term. **Late projects will not be accepted.**
- ✓ **Tests:** There will be four chapter tests and a comprehensive final exam. **There are no make-up tests;** if you miss a test, the final exam grade will also count as one missed test grade.
- ✓ **Final exam is mandatory.** If you do not miss a test, the final exam grade can be used to replace the lowest test grade from the semester, but not the other way around.

School cancellation: If school is cancelled on a test day, the test will be given on the next regularly scheduled class. If school is cancelled with homework due, the homework will be turned in at the next regularly scheduled class.

Attendance Policy

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students in all College Prep classes for which they have registered. **There are NO excused absences.** After **3 hours** of absenteeism, a student may be warned and referred to the College Preparatory Studies Department Chair. After a student has been absent from class **6 hours**, the student may be **dropped**. If the student is dropped from the only College Prep class in which he/she is enrolled and is TSI liable, the student will be **DROPPED** from all remaining courses for that semester. Inform the instructor in writing during the first week of class of any religious holidays observed this semester. Documentation must be given to the instructor at the class following the holiday.

Also, since punctuality has become a problem in recent semesters, **three tardies** will be considered **one absence**. Coming in late disrupts the class. Occasions do occur that you will need to be tardy, but not on a consistent basis.

THEA Compliance

If you did not pass the *THEA* test, or other approved test, in Reading, or Writing, or Mathematics, you will be required to complete a College Prep course **EVERY SEMESTER (including summers)** until you complete the College Prep course sequence or provide passing test scores.

Scholastic Integrity

Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. See *Student Handbook* “Student Rights & Responsibilities: Student Conduct [FLB-(LOCAL)]” #18. Student violations of this policy will be reported to the appropriate Dean.

Web Page

Visit the North Central Texas College web page for information on registration, financial aid, counseling/advising, and cost of tuition and fees. You will also find information on the catalog and semester schedules as well as courses of study. You can keep up with what is happening on campus by checking the calendar of events and the sports news. The web has information on the library as well as links to other areas of interest. Check out our web page at <http://www.nctc.edu>.

You can learn more about the Department of College Preparatory Studies at http://www.nctc.edu/What_We_Teach/ArtsSciences/DevStudies/DevStud.html. From this site, students have access to information about department faculty members and their course syllabi. Additionally, students can navigate to a variety of educational resources for English, math, and reading, which were selected to enhance the College Preparatory Studies current curriculum and assist students in achieving their educational goals.

ADA Statement

North Central Texas College does not discriminate on the basis of disability for admission or access to its programs. The College is committed to providing equal access to its students with disabilities by providing appropriate accommodations; a variety of services and resources are made available through the ACCESS Department. Students are responsible for notifying the ACCESS Department of their need for assistance. Students with documented disabilities, such as mobility impairment, hearing or visual impairment, learning, and/or psychological disorders are eligible for services.

ACCESS and NETWORKS Program:

The ACCESS Program provides accommodations for students who have a documented disability. A disability is anything that can interfere with learning, such as a learning disability, psychological challenge or physical illness or injury. Accommodations may include extra time on tests, tests in a non-distracting environment, note taker in class, etc. On the Corinth Campus, contact: Wayne Smith, ACCESS Coordinator, (kwsmith@nctc.edu, 940-498-6207), or Penny Cogbill (pcogbill@nctc.edu, 940-498-6212), or William Leija, Department Assistant, (wleija@nctc.edu, 940-498-6224) in Suite 170. For the Gainesville, Bowie, or Graham Campuses, contact Yvonne Sandmann, ACCESS Specialist, (ysandmann@nctc.edu, 940-668-7731 ext. 4321) in Room 110 on the Gainesville Campus.

NETWORKS is a childcare reimbursement program that may assist technical students with partial childcare reimbursement for those that apply and qualify. Contact Yvonne Sandmann, ACCESS Specialist, for more information.

***Additional
Resources***

Student Success Center:

The Student Success Center is designed to help all students at NCTC develop tools to achieve their academic goals. Students can attend free interactive workshops about Time Management, Study Skills, Test Anxiety, Choosing a Major, Learning Style Strategies, Career Exploration, and much more. This program also links students to FREE tutoring, including a Writing Center, a Math Lab, and free online. All students are invited to visit the Student Success Center located in Rooms 160, 170, 183, 188 in Corinth, Rooms 111 and 114 in Gainesville, and Room 124 in Bowie. Contact Tracey Fleniken, Student Success Coordinator, at tfleniken@nctc.edu, 940-668-4209, in room 114 on the Gainesville Campus for more information.

TRIO Program:

TRIO Programs are federally funded programs which offer services designed to assist students in achieving their academic goals. Services include educational workshops, academic advising, tutoring, personal counseling, career counseling, cultural enrichment, and financial aid information. Students may be eligible for TRIO if they are currently enrolled at North Central Texas College, have academic need, and meet at least ONE of THREE criteria which include: 1) first generation status—neither parent has graduated from college 2) income level is within federal low income guidelines, and/or 3) has a documented disability. TRIO is located in Room 170 on the Corinth Campus, Room 112 on the Gainesville Campus, and Room 124 on the Bowie Campus. Contact Jessica DeRoche, TRIO Coordinator, at jderoche@nctc.edu, 940-498-6212, on the Corinth Campus for more information.

Students can also access the Department of Student Success' website by going to www.nctc.edu and clicking on the Student Services link and Student Success or "Tutoring and Other ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES", or by going directly to

http://www.nctc.edu/Student_Services/Access/AcademicandStudentSupportServices.htm.

***EEOC
Statement***

North Central Texas College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability in the employment or the provision of services.

***Tentative
Calendar***

See calendar handout.

Dates to note:

January 18 - Martin Luther King Day - no class

March 15-19 - Spring Break

April 23 (Friday) - Last day to drop with a W

May 10 (Monday) - Final exam