

# MATH R115: COLLEGE ALGEBRA

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**Originator**

ptrujillo

**College**

Oxnard College

**Discipline (CB01A)**

MATH - Mathematics

**Course Number (CB01B)**

R115

**Course Title (CB02)**

College Algebra

**Banner/Short Title**

College Algebra

**Credit Type**

Credit

**Start Term**

Fall 2023

**Catalog Course Description**

An advanced course in algebra, this course focuses on the study of functions and their graphs. Students will analyze and graph functions (absolute value, radical, polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic). Topics also include inequalities, conic sections, systems of equations and inequalities, matrices, sequences, and series. This course includes applications to many areas including business and sciences.

**Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) Code (CB03)**

1701.00 - Mathematics, General

**Course Credit Status (CB04)**

D (Credit - Degree Applicable)

**Course Transfer Status (CB05) (select one only)**

A (Transferable to both UC and CSU)

**Course Basic Skills Status (CB08)**

N - The Course is Not a Basic Skills Course

**SAM Priority Code (CB09)**

E - Non-Occupational

**Course Cooperative Work Experience Education Status (CB10)**

N - Is Not Part of a Cooperative Work Experience Education Program

**Course Classification Status (CB11)**

Y - Credit Course

**Educational Assistance Class Instruction (Approved Special Class) (CB13)**

N - The Course is Not an Approved Special Class

**Course Prior to Transfer Level (CB21)**

Y - Not Applicable

**Course Noncredit Category (CB22)**

Y - Credit Course

**Funding Agency Category (CB23)**

Y - Not Applicable (Funding Not Used)

**Course Program Status (CB24)**

2 - Not Program Applicable

**General Education Status (CB25)**

B - Satisfies Math/Quantitative Reasoning req (CSUGE-B B4, IGETC 2, or 4-yr)

**Support Course Status (CB26)**

N - Course is not a support course

**Field trips**

Will not be required

**Grading method**

(L) Letter Graded

**Does this course require an instructional materials fee?**

No

**Repeatable for Credit**

No

**Is this course part of a family?**

No

**Units and Hours**

**Carnegie Unit Override**

No

**In-Class**

**Lecture**

**Minimum Contact/In-Class Lecture Hours**

70

**Maximum Contact/In-Class Lecture Hours**

70

**Activity**

**Laboratory**

**Total in-Class**

**Total in-Class**

**Total Minimum Contact/In-Class Hours**

70

**Total Maximum Contact/In-Class Hours**

70

**Outside-of-Class**

**Internship/Cooperative Work Experience**

**Paid****Unpaid****Total Outside-of-Class****Total Outside-of-Class****Minimum Outside-of-Class Hours**

140

**Maximum Outside-of-Class Hours**

140

**Total Student Learning****Total Student Learning****Total Minimum Student Learning Hours**

210

**Total Maximum Student Learning Hours**

210

**Minimum Units (CB07)**

4

**Maximum Units (CB06)**

4

**Prerequisites**

Course taught at the level of intermediate algebra or placement as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process.

**Entrance Skills****Entrance Skills**

Algebraic fluency with expressions and equations. Understanding functions and graphs.

**Requisite Justification****Requisite Type**

Prerequisite

**Requisite**

Course taught at the level of intermediate algebra or placement as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process

**Requisite Description**

Course in a sequence

**Level of Scrutiny/Justification**

Content review

**Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)**

**Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:**

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| 1 | Students will solve logarithmic and exponential applications.             |
| 2 | Students will solve systems of equations using matrices (row operations). |

**Course Objectives**

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

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| 1  | Analyze and investigate properties of functions;  |
| 2  | Synthesize results from the graphs and/or equations of functions;   |
| 3  | Apply transformations to the graphs of functions;   |
| 4  | Recognize the relationship between functions and their inverses graphically and algebraically;  |
| 5  | Solve and apply rational, linear, polynomial, radical, absolute value, exponential, and logarithmic equations and solve linear, nonlinear, and absolute value inequalities; |
| 6  | Solve systems of equations and inequalities;  |
| 7  | Apply techniques for finding zeros of polynomials and roots of equations;   |
| 8  | Apply functions and other algebraic techniques to model real world applications;  |
| 9  | Analyze conics algebraically and graphically;   |
| 10 | Use formulas to find sums of finite and infinite series.  |

**Course Content****Lecture/Course Content**

1. Analysis and graphing of functions and non-functions
  - a. Using function notation
  - b. Identifying equations as functions or non-functions
  - c. Using concepts of symmetry, intercepts, left to right end behavior, asymptotes, and transformations to sketch graphs of functions and non-functions (such as: polynomials, absolute value, radicals, rational, exponential, logarithmic and circles)
  - d. Finding the domain and range of a function both analytically and graphically
  - e. Writing the equation of a function (or non-function) given its description
  - f. Applying modeling techniques to solve application problems that involve functions
  - g. Algebra of functions; including the composition of functions
  - h. Finding inverses of one-to-one functions
2. Solutions of equations and inequalities
  - a. Solving an equation; such as linear, rational, polynomial, radical, absolute value, logarithmic and exponential (employing various methods, including: the Factor Theorem, Remainder Theorem, Descartes' Rule of Signs, right/left behavior, zeros of a polynomial)
  - b. Applications of both equations and inequalities
  - c. Properties and characteristics of complex numbers
3. Systems of equations and inequalities
  - a. Solving systems of equations using substitution, eliminations, graphing, matrices, and Cramer's Rule
  - b. Solving systems of nonlinear equations in two variables
  - c. Graphing systems of inequalities
4. Finding the partial fraction decomposition of rational expressions
5. Conic sections and their graphs
  - a. Identifying type of conic (circle, ellipse, parabola, hyperbola) from its equation
  - b. Specifying the attributes that include center, vertices, foci, axes of symmetry, and asymptotes
  - c. Writing the standard form of the equation given the attributes of the conic equation
6. Series and Sequence
  - a. Finding the patterns of a sequence; use factorial and summation notation
  - b. Calculating the common difference, the general term, and the sum of the first  $n$  terms of an arithmetic sequence
  - c. Calculating the common ratio, the general term, the sum of the first  $n$  terms of a geometric sequence, and the sum of an infinite geometric series
  - d. Using the Binomial Theorem to expand binomials of the form  $(a + b)^n$ , where  $n$  is a natural number
  - e. Verifying statements using mathematical induction

**Laboratory or Activity Content**

None

## Methods of Evaluation

Which of these methods will students use to demonstrate proficiency in the subject matter of this course? (Check all that apply):

Problem solving exercises

Methods of Evaluation may include, but are not limited to, the following typical classroom assessment techniques/required assignments (check as many as are deemed appropriate):

Computational homework

Objective exams

Problem-solving exams

Quizzes

Problem-Solving Assignments

## Instructional Methodology

Specify the methods of instruction that may be employed in this course

Class activities

Class discussions

Collaborative group work

Computer-aided presentations

Distance Education

Instructor-guided interpretation and analysis

Instructor-guided use of technology

Lecture

Small group activities

Describe specific examples of the methods the instructor will use:

1. Instructor-led class discussion on theories and processes used to analyze functions and their graphs.
2. Instructor lecture and/or demonstration of concepts such as the various techniques used to generate sequences and series.
3. Small group practice utilizing mathematical skills and problem-solving techniques. For example, given a function, analyze the attributes of the function and sketch the graph.
4. Use of technology, such as graphing or online calculators.

## Representative Course Assignments

### Writing Assignments

Written responses (for example, Use your own words to explain how to determine if two functions are inverses of each other.)

### Critical Thinking Assignments

1. Participate in class and small group discussions discussing, debating, and developing problem solving techniques in real world applications.
2. Developing error-analysis skills to find any algebraic mistakes in a problem.

### Reading Assignments

1. Textbook readings of definitions, rules, properties, processes, and helpful hints.
2. Critical reading and thinking in application problems (for example, A person standing close to the edge of an 80-foot cliff throws a rock upward with an initial speed of 64 feet per second. The height of the rock is described by the function  $y = -16x^2 + 64x + 80$ . After how many seconds will the rock reach its maximum height above the water?)

### Problem-Solving and Other Assignments (if applicable)

Student projects permitting more in-depth exploration of course topics.

## Outside Assignments

### Representative Outside Assignments

1. Homework skill building exercises.
2. Preparation for exams (including review of notes, watching video, practice exams)logarithmic properties.

## **Articulation**

### **C-ID Descriptor Number**

MATH 151

### **Status**

Approved

### **Comparable Courses within the VCCCD**

MATH M05 - College Algebra for STEM Studies

MATH V04 - College Algebra

## **District General Education**

### **A. Natural Sciences**

### **B. Social and Behavioral Sciences**

### **C. Humanities**

### **D. Language and Rationality**

### **E. Health and Physical Education/Kinesiology**

### **F. Ethnic Studies/Gender Studies**

## **CSU GE-Breadth**

### **Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking**

### **Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning**

### **Area C: Arts and Humanities**

### **Area D: Social Sciences**

### **Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development**

### **Area F: Ethnic Studies**

## **CSU Graduation Requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals:**

## **IGETC**

### **Area 1: English Communication**

### **Area 2A: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning**

### **Area 3: Arts and Humanities**

### **Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

### **Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences**

### **Area 6: Languages Other than English (LOTE)**

## **Textbooks and Lab Manuals**

### **Resource Type**

Textbook

**Description**

Robert Blitzer (2017). *College Algebra*. Pearson .

**Distance Education Addendum****Definitions****Distance Education Modalities**

Hybrid (1%–50% online)  
Hybrid (51%–99% online)  
100% online

**Faculty Certifications**

Faculty assigned to teach Hybrid or Fully Online sections of this course will receive training in how to satisfy the Federal and state regulations governing regular effective/substantive contact for distance education. The training will include common elements in the district-supported learning management system (LMS), online teaching methods, regular effective/substantive contact, and best practices.

Yes

Faculty assigned to teach Hybrid or Fully Online sections of this course will meet with the EAC Alternate Media Specialist to ensure that the course content meets the required Federal and state accessibility standards for access by students with disabilities.

Common areas for discussion include accessibility of PDF files, images, captioning of videos, Power Point presentations, math and scientific notation, and ensuring the use of style mark-up in Word documents.

Yes

**Regular Effective/Substantive Contact****Hybrid (1%–50% online) Modality:**

Method of Instruction	Document typical activities or assignments for each method of instruction
Asynchronous Dialog (e.g., discussion board)	Students will post a discussion board topic on the process of finding the maximum height of a projectile, and they will respond to others classmate with the intent of dialogue.
Other DE (e.g., recorded lectures)	Students will watch lecture videos.
Video Conferencing	Students will participate in group activities through a video conferencing tool.
E-mail	Responses to specific email questions.

**Hybrid (51%–99% online) Modality:**

Method of Instruction	Document typical activities or assignments for each method of instruction
Asynchronous Dialog (e.g., discussion board)	Students will post a discussion board topic on the process of finding the maximum height of a projectile, and they will respond to others classmate with the intent of dialogue.
Other DE (e.g., recorded lectures)	Students will watch lecture videos.
Video Conferencing	Students will participate in group activities through a video conferencing tool.
E-mail	Responses to specific email questions.

**100% online Modality:**

Method of Instruction	Document typical activities or assignments for each method of instruction
Asynchronous Dialog (e.g., discussion board)	Students will post a discussion board topic on the process of finding the maximum height of a projectile, and they will respond to others classmate with the intent of dialogue.
Other DE (e.g., recorded lectures)	Students will watch lecture videos.

E-mail  
Video Conferencing

Responses to specific email questions.  
Students will participate in group activities through a video conferencing tool.

### Examinations

#### Hybrid (1%–50% online) Modality

On campus  
Online

#### Hybrid (51%–99% online) Modality

On campus  
Online

### Primary Minimum Qualification

MATHEMATICS

### Review and Approval Dates

#### Department Chair

05/09/2023

#### Dean

05/09/2023

#### Technical Review

05/10/2023

#### Curriculum Committee

05/10/2023

#### DTRW-I

MM/DD/YYYY

#### Curriculum Committee

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#### Board

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#### CCCCO

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#### Control Number

CCC000563142

#### DOE/accreditation approval date

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