

**South Plains College**  
**Common Course Syllabus: MATH 1332**  
Revised July 2023

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

**Discipline:** Mathematics

**Course Number:** MATH 0332 & MATH 1332

**Course Title:** Contemporary Mathematics Support Course (MATH0332) & Contemporary Mathematics (MATH1332)

**Available Formats:** conventional/flex and internet

**Campuses:** Levelland, Plainview, Lubbock Centers, and Dual Credit

**Course Description:** **Math0332** is to be taken concurrently with MATH 1332. Background topics which are necessary for a student to successfully complete MATH 1332 will be covered, with an emphasis on integers, percentages, graphing, fractions, exponents, radicals, statistics, and geometry.

**MATH1332** is intended for Non-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors. Topics include introductory treatments of sets and logic, financial mathematics, probability and statistics with appropriate applications. Number sense, proportional reasoning, estimation, technology, and communication should be embedded throughout the course. Additional topics may be covered.

**Prerequisite:** Maximum score of 349 on the TSIA1 without an ABE score, minimum diagnostic score of 3 on the TSIA2, or a successful completion of NCBM 0105.

**Credit:** 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

**Textbook:** *Mathematical Ideas*, Miller, Heeren, and Hornsby, 2019, 14<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 the language and notation of sets.
2. Determine the validity of an argument or statement and provide mathematical evidence.
3. Solve problems in mathematics of finance.
4. Demonstrate fundamental probability/counting techniques and apply those techniques to solve problems.
5. Interpret and analyze various representations of data.

6. Demonstrate the ability to choose and analyze mathematical models to solve problems from real-world settings, including, but not limited to, personal finance, health literacy, and civic engagement.

**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/Student Engagement Policy:** Attendance and engagement are the most critical activities for success in this course. The instructor maintains records of the student's attendance and submission of assignments throughout the semester. The student is expected to attend at least eighty percent (80%) of the **total** class meetings **and** submit at least eighty percent (80%) of the **total** class assignments to have the best chance of success. If the student fails to meet these minimum requirements, the instructor may remove the student from the class with an X, upon their discretion, to help the student from harming their GPA. If the student cannot receive an X, the instructor will assign an F.

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 from the student and the instructor. Neither the instructor nor the student should be subject to others' rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning behavior. 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.

For information regarding official South Plains College statements about intellectual exchange, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE Team, and Campus Concealed Carry, please visit

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>.

South Plains College policies, return to campus plan, and protocols regarding COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/emergency/covid19-faq.php>.

**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.

**COURSE SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR MATH 0332\_1332\_C604**  
**Class Meeting Time:** 5:30 - 6:45 PM Tuesday and Thursday **Place:** B030  
**Instructor:** Phyllis Cormier **Email:** [pcormier@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:pcormier@southplainscollege.edu)  
**Office:** Lubbock Downtown Center Rm B016 **Phone:** (806)716-2797

**Office Hours:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				9:00 – 11:00 AM
12:30 – 2:30 PM	12:15 – 12:45 PM	12:30 – 2:30 PM	12:15 – 12:45 PM	
	5:00 – 5:30 PM		5:00 – 5:30 PM	

Office hours are times I have set aside to work with students on any questions they have about the class. Please use this time to improve your understanding of the material. Appointments may also be made to meet face-to-face or virtually. You may make an appointment through email, in person, or by calling. I will respond to emails within 24 hours. If I am in my office, feel free to stop by without an appointment.

**Academic coach:** Eric Johansen

**Email:** [ejohansen@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:ejohansen@southplainscollege.edu)

The Academic Coach will work directly with our class to create an inviting, engaging, and collaborative learning environment by tutoring, coaching, and mentoring students. The Academic Coach functions as a tutor, providing in-time tutoring services in a small group setting or one-on-one tutoring during authorized tutoring sessions. He may also provide students with academic tips and skills for success in the academic setting.

**Student Email:** All students at South Plains College are assigned an SPC email account. Although personal email addresses will continue to be collected, the assigned SPC email account will be used as the official channel of communication for South Plains College. Students should make it a habit to check their student email account frequently. [Student Correspondence Policy](#)

**Class Structure:** This course is a flex or hybrid course. All instructional material is on Blackboard. Each unit in Blackboard has assignments and notes with video links to teach the material. We will be using a flipped classroom model. Before class, you will watch the videos while taking notes and complete the practice problems to the best of your ability. During class, we will answer your questions about the lessons you have prepared for that day. The goal is to have a basic understanding of the material when you come to class. This will allow us to use class time to develop a deeper understanding and to clarify any points that were unclear.

**Class Attendance:** Attendance and effort are the keys to success in this class. 6 absences are allowed for the semester. If you exceed this number, you may be dropped from the course.

### **Assignments & Grading:**

Notes: Class notes will be provided on Blackboard. These will have video links for you to watch and fill in the examples and details. I recommend that you print out the notes and fill them in while watching the videos.

Homework: Assignments are made 4 days a week. Practice problems are on Blackboard and will be due at 11:00 PM on the day the problems are discussed in class. Dates are listed on the Tentative Course Outline. **Work must be shown to receive credit.** The answers are provided so your job is to show that you understand why that is the answer. Practice problems will count 10% of your grade. I will grade practice problems 70% for completion and 30% for correct work. I will grade 3 – 7 problems from each lesson to assess your understanding.

Projects: Seven small projects will be assigned throughout the semester. These may require minimal research to complete. The projects will count 10% of your grade and will give you a better understanding of where the math used in this class is used in everyday life.

Submitting work: You will need the Gradescope app on your phone or tablet to make a single pdf of your work to submit on Gradescope. If late work is accepted, a penalty will be incurred.

Quizzes: Short in-class quizzes will be given often. These will closely resemble the assigned practice problems. Answers are not provided for the quizzes. Questions may be asked about the practice problems before the quiz is distributed, but the quizzes are to be completed without assistance. Quizzes will be completed in class without apps or websites, but scientific calculators, practice problems, and notes may be used. Notes and practice problems on electronic devices may not be accessed during quizzes. **Quizzes cannot be made up. Work must be shown to receive credit.** Note: "Make-up" refers to completing work that has never been attempted.

Exams: There will be 5 exams and a comprehensive final exam. You may use a scientific or simple graphing calculator on the exams but calculators on cell phones or other electronic devices will not be permitted. Cell phones should be out of sight and not touched during exams. The use of any websites or apps during exams is considered cheating. You may not leave the room during an exam. You may bring one sheet of notebook paper with formulas and/or examples written on one side only to use during the exam.

Make-up exams will be available only on rare and well-documented occasions (see paragraph below). If you miss an exam for any reason, the final exam may be used to take the place of the missed exam. If you miss two exams, you may be dropped from the course. If you know you will need to miss an exam, let me know before the exam so an alternate testing time can be arranged **before** the exam is taken in class. Comprehensive final exams are required. Students who do not take the final exam will receive a zero for the final exam grade.

If a student misses an exam, it cannot be made up. The only exception to this policy is if the student is severely ill and/or hospitalized. If this is the case, contact DeEtte Edens at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or at (806)716-2376 and submit the required medical documentation to her. She will notify the instructor if the illness warrants an extension.

**To maximize the potential for successful completion of this course:**

- Watch the videos while filling in the notes.
- While completing the Practice problems, check your answers with the answer sheet.
- If you miss a problem, try to find the mistake. If you do not find the mistake, email your instructor, or ask about the problem in class.
- Attend class prepared to work. Ask questions if needed.
- Complete all Practice problems scan your work and submit it as a single pdf on Gradescope.
- Organize all class material in a 3-ring binder.

You are responsible for completing homework and exams on time. Print out the course calendar and keep it with your other course material to help you keep up with deadlines.

**Course Evaluation:**

<b>Practice problems</b>	10%
<b>Quizzes</b>	10%
<b>Projects</b>	10%
<b>Exam 1</b>	10%
<b>Exam 2</b>	10%
<b>Exam 3</b>	10%
<b>Exam 4</b>	10%
<b>Exam 5</b>	10%
<b>Final Exam</b>	20%
<b>Total</b>	100%

Grade Average

90 and above  
80 – 89  
70 – 79  
60 - 69  
59 and below

Final Grade

A  
B  
C  
D  
F

**Supplies:**

- The textbook is **not** required. All notes and assignments are provided on Blackboard.
- Scientific calculator or simple graphing calculator (TI-89, TI-Nspire, and calculators on cell phones are not allowed) (TI-30xiis is a good and inexpensive option)
- Computer
- Reliable internet
- Cell phone or tablet that you can use to make a pdf.
- Gradescope app

**SPC Tutors**

Tutoring is FREE for all currently enrolled students. Make an appointment or drop-in for help at any SPC location or online! Visit the link below to learn more about how to book an appointment, view the tutoring schedule, get to know the tutors, and view tutoring locations.

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/exploreprograms/artsandsciences/teacheredtutoring.php>

**Brainfuse:**

You also have 180 FREE minutes of tutoring with Brainfuse each week, and your hours reset every Monday morning. Log into Blackboard, click on the tools option from the left-hand menu bar. Click on the Brainfuse link and you will automatically be logged in for free tutoring. You may access Brainfuse tutors during the following times

Monday – Thursday: 8pm-8am

6pm Friday – 8am Monday morning

For questions regarding tutoring, please email [tutoring@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:tutoring@southplainscollege.edu) or call 806-716-2538.

**Supplementary Course Information & Tutoring:** Blackboard is the online course management system that will be utilized for this course. This course syllabus, as well as any class handouts and assignments can be accessed through Blackboard. Login at <http://southplainscollege.blackboard.com>. The username and password should be the same as the Texan Connect and SPC email. Check Blackboard and your SPC email often for any updates in assignments or exams. Additional study aids may also be added.

Tentative Course Calendar  
MATH0332/1332.C604 Fall 2024

Note: Tuesdays and Thursdays are in bold.

Week	Date	Assignment to complete	Assignment due
1	Aug 26	Welcome and strategies	
	<b>Aug 27</b>	1.1 Operations with Integers	
	Aug 28	1.2 Rational Numbers and Decimal Representations	
	<b>Aug 29</b>	1.3 Order of operations	1.1 and 1.2
2	Sept 2	<i>Labor Day holiday – all campuses closed</i>	
	<b>Sept 3</b>	1.4 Polynomials	1.3 and 1.4
	Sept 4	1.5 Solving Linear Equations	
	<b>Sept 5</b>	1.6 Linear Applications	1.5 and 1.6
3	Sept 9	Review for Exam 1	
	<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	
	Sept 11	2.1 Quadratic Equations	
	<b>Sept 12</b>	2.2 Quadratic Applications	2.1 and 2.2
4	Sept 16	2.3 The Rectangular Coordinate System & Distance & Midpoint	
	<b>Sept 17</b>	2.4 Lines, Slope & Average Rate of Change	2.3 and 2.4
	Sept 18	2.5 Equations of Lines	Project 1 Average Rate of Change
	<b>Sept 19</b>	2.6 Solving Systems	2.5 and 2.6
5	Sept 23	2.7 System Applications	
	<b>Sept 24</b>	Review for Exam 2	2.7
	Sept 25	Review for Exam 2	
	<b>Sept 26</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>	
6	Sept 30	3.1 Applications of Decimals & Percentages	
	<b>Oct 1</b>	3.2 Ratio & Proportion & 3.3 Variation	3.1 – 3.3
	Oct 2	3.4 Time Value of Money	
	<b>Oct 3</b>	3.5 Cost of Homeownership & 3.6 Annuities	3.4 and 3.5
7	Oct 7	3.7 Scientific Notation & Unit Conversions	Project 2 Home loan
	<b>Oct 8</b>	3.8 Income Tax	3.7 & 3.8
	Oct 9	3.9 Budgeting & Consumer Credit	Project 3 Home Loans
	<b>Oct 10</b>	Review for Exam 3	3.9
8	Oct 14	Review for Exam 3	
	<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Exam 3</b>	
	Oct 16	4.1 Angles, Curves, and Polygons	
	<b>Oct 17</b>	4.2 Triangles – sum of angles, and exterior angles	4.1
Fri	Oct 18	<i>Fall Break – all campuses closed</i>	

9	Oct 21	4.2 Triangles (cont.) similar triangles and Pythagorean theorem	
	<b>Oct 22</b>	4.3 Perimeter, Circumference & Area	4.2 and 4.3
	Oct 23	4.4 Volume and Surface Area	
	<b>Oct 24</b>	Geometry Projects	4.4
10	Oct 28	4.5 Trigonometry	Project 4 – Measure a flagpole & Project 5 Remodel
	<b>Oct 29</b>	4.6 Trig Applications	4.5 and 4.6
	Oct 30	Review for Exam 4	
	<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>Exam 4</b>	
11	Nov 4	5.1 Venn diagrams, Subsets and Set Operations	
	<b>Nov 5</b>	5.2 Surveys & Cardinal Numbers	5.1 and 5.2
	Nov 6	5.3 Counting Techniques	Project 6 Survey
	<b>Nov 7</b>	5.4 The Fundamental Counting Principle	5.3 and 5.4
Fri	Nov 8	<i>Online registration begins</i>	
12	Nov 11	5.5 Permutations and Combinations	
	<b>Nov 12</b>	5.6 Counting with ‘Not’ and ‘Or’	5.5 and 5.6
	Nov 13	Review for Exam 5	
	<b>Nov 14</b>	<b>EXAM 5</b>	
13	Nov 18	6.1 Empirical & Theoretical Probability	
	<b>Nov 19</b>	6.2 Probability with “Not” & “Or”	6.1 and 6.2
	Nov 20	6.3 Probability with “And” & Conditional Probability	
	<b>Nov 21</b>	6.4 Expected Value	6.3 and 6.4
14	Nov 25	6.5 Visual Display of Data	
	<b>Nov 26</b>	6.6 Measures of Central Tendencies	6.5 and 6.6
	Nov 27	<i>Thanksgiving break</i>	
	Nov 28	<i>Thanksgiving break</i>	
15	Dec 2	Last day to drop Review for Final	Project 7 Visual Display
	<b>Dec 3</b>	Review for Final	
	Dec 4	Review for Final	
	<b>Dec 5</b>	Review for Final	
16	<b>Tuesday Dec 10</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b> 5:00 – 7:00 PM	