

MATH 1510C - College Algebra with Co-requisite Support

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Course Description

1510C. College Algebra with Co-requisite Support. This course is primarily intended to prepare STEM students (along with MATH 1511C) for MATH 1552, 1570 or 1571. Topics include real numbers, equations and inequalities, linear, quadratic, polynomial, exponential, and logarithmic functions, graphing techniques, systems of equations, and applications. It includes corequisite support for students requiring remediation in mathematics while studying college algebra. Emphasis will be placed on prerequisite skills needed for college algebra as well as just in time review through the use of appropriate technology. The course fulfills the general education requirements for mathematics. Prereq.: YSU Math Placement Level 20. 6 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	College Algebra and Trigonometry	Julie Miller & Donna Gerken with ALEKS 360	9781265173159

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The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	1.1, 1.3 – 1.7	Linear equations & applications, rational equations, complex numbers, quadratic equations & applications, absolute value and radical equations, linear and absolute value inequalities.	

8/31	1.1, 1.3 – 1.7	Linear equations & applications, rational equations, complex numbers, quadratic equations & applications, absolute value and radical equations, linear and absolute value inequalities.
9/7	1.1, 1.3 – 1.7	Linear equations & applications, rational equations, complex numbers, quadratic equations & applications, absolute value and radical equations, linear and absolute value inequalities.
9/14	2.1 – 2.8	Rectangular coordinate system, distance and midpoint, intercepts, parallel and perpendicular lines, formulas, circles, functions and relations, parent functions (linear, quadratic, cubic, square root, cube root and absolute value) and their transformations, domain and range, piecewise-defined functions and the algebra of functions, symmetry, difference quotient, operation of functions, composition functions.
9/21	2.1 – 2.8	Rectangular coordinate system, distance and midpoint, intercepts, parallel and perpendicular lines, formulas, circles, functions and relations, parent functions (linear, quadratic, cubic, square root, cube root and absolute value) and their transformations, domain and range, piecewise-defined functions and the algebra of functions, symmetry, difference quotient, operation of functions, composition functions.
9/28	2.1 – 2.8	Rectangular coordinate system, distance and midpoint, intercepts, parallel and perpendicular lines, formulas, circles, functions and relations, parent functions (linear, quadratic, cubic, square root, cube root and absolute value) and their transformations, domain and range, piecewise-defined functions and the algebra of functions, symmetry, difference quotient, operation of functions, composition functions.
10/5	2.1 – 2.8	Rectangular coordinate system, distance and midpoint, intercepts, parallel and perpendicular lines, formulas, circles, functions and relations, parent functions (linear, quadratic, cubic, square root, cube root and absolute value) and their transformations, domain and range, piecewise-defined functions and the algebra of functions, symmetry, difference quotient, operation of functions, composition functions.

10/12	3.1-3.6	Quadratic functions and applications polynomial functions, division of polynomials, synthetic division, zeros of polynomials, asymptotes, rational functions, polynomial, and rational inequalities.
10/19	3.1-3.6	Quadratic functions and applications polynomial functions, division of polynomials, synthetic division, zeros of polynomials, asymptotes, rational functions, polynomial, and rational inequalities.
10/26	4.1 – 4.6	Inverse functions, exponential and logarithmic functions and their graphs, properties of logarithms, solving exponential and logarithmic equations, growth, and decay models.
11/2	4.1 – 4.6	Inverse functions, exponential and logarithmic functions and their graphs, properties of logarithms, solving exponential and logarithmic equations, growth, and decay models.
11/9	4.1 – 4.6	Inverse functions, exponential and logarithmic functions and their graphs, properties of logarithms, solving exponential and logarithmic equations, growth, and decay models.
11/16	4.1 – 4.6	Inverse functions, exponential and logarithmic functions and their graphs, properties of logarithms, solving exponential and logarithmic equations, growth, and decay models.
11/23	9.1 and 9.4	Solve linear and non-linear systems of equations graphically, and solving systems of equations using substitution and elimination.
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12/7	Final Exam	Final Exam: Wednesday, December 9 3:15pm-5:15pm

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