**Text:** *College Algebra*, by Ratti and McWaters

**Prerequisites:** C (2.0) or better in MAT 1033, or SAT Math score of 490 or better, or ACT Math score of 21 or better, or Elementary Algebra CPT score of 90 or better, or College-Level Math CPT score of 40 or better.

**Course Goal:** Teach basic skills and concepts of algebra that will be required for calculus.

**Gordon Rule/General Education:** This course fulfills 3 hours of the Gordon Rule Computation requirement and also 3 hours of the General Education Quantitative Methods requirement, provided a grade of C-minus or better is achieved.

**Course Content:** Chapters 2, 3, 4, and (part of) 5 will be covered.

- Chapter 2: Graphs and functions
- Chapter 3: Polynomial and Rational Functions
- Chapter 4: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions
- Chapter 5: Systems of Equations and Inequalities (Sects. 5.1, and 5.4 only)

**Homework Requirement:** All students will be required to complete and submit homework via the MyMathLab feature that accompanies the text. As such, each student will need to obtain his/her own access to MyMathLab by registering at www.coursecompass.com. Note that access to MyMathLab requires payment of the appropriate fee either included with a new textbook, paid separately to the publisher, or by purchasing an access kit at a bookstore.

**Final Exam:** There will be a 2-hour common final; this will be cumulative and *all* questions will be multiple choice. The date and time for this exam are **Monday, April 28, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** (See note below about time conflicts.) Your instructor will notify you of its location. The common final counts as 25% of your grade. The remaining 75% of your grade will be determined as specified by your instructor.

**Time Conflicts with the scheduled Final Exam time (April 28 at 3:30 p.m.):**
- Students who normally work during the scheduled time of the final exam are expected to make arrangements with their employer to get time off.
- Students who have another common final exam scheduled during this same time period will be permitted to take a makeup. You must submit proof that a conflict exists.
- Students who miss the final exam for any other reason should *not* expect to be given a makeup exam.

**Final Grades:** The university’s +/- grading policy will be used in assigning final grades. If your overall percentage of total points falls into the following range, you will receive the corresponding grade:

- 97-100 (A+), 93-96 (A), 90-92 (A-),
- 87-89 (B+), 83-86 (B), 80-82 (B-),
- 77-79 (C+), 73-76 (C), 70-72 (C-),
- 67-69 (D+), 63-66 (D), 60-62 (D-), 0-59 (F)
Miscellaneous Policies:

- Cheating will not be tolerated. The university policy on Academic Dishonesty is explained at the website http://www.ugs.usf.edu/catalogs/0708/adadap.htm.
- Students who must miss a class period due to a major religious observance must notify the instructor of this absence, in writing, by the end of the second week of classes.
- Any student with a disability is encouraged to meet privately with the instructor during the first week of classes to discuss accommodations. The student must bring a current Memorandum of Accommodations from the Office of Student Disability Services (SVC 1133). This is a prerequisite for receiving accommodations. All course handouts are available in alternate format if requested in the student’s Memorandum of Accommodations. Exam accommodations through the Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) require two weeks advance notice. Note: If you need extra time on exams, you must make arrangements to take your exams with the SDS office. You cannot receive extra time if you choose to take your exams with the course instructor.
- Please do not hold conversations, either with your classmates or your cell phones, during the lecture sessions. (Turn your cell phone off.)
- You are encouraged to take notes and may tape the lectures, but neither your notes nor your tapes are to be sold.
- The last day to withdraw from this course and receive a tuition refund is Friday, January 11 (by 5:00 p.m.).
- The last day to withdraw from this course and receive a grade of “W” is Saturday, March 22 (by 5:00 p.m.)
- S-U Policy: Students who want to take this course for a grade of S-U must sign the S-U contract no later than the end of the fifth week of classes. There will be no exceptions. For further information on S-U grades, please see the website http://www.ugs.usf.edu/catalogs/0708/gradetc.htm. Note: Gordon Rule courses may not be taken on an S-U basis.
- A grade of “I” indicates incomplete work and will only be assigned when most of the coursework has already been completed with a passing grade. See the website http://www.ugs.usf.edu/catalogs/0708/gradetc.htm for further information.

Getting Help:

- There is a Student Solutions Manual available as a companion to the text. It contains answers to all the odd-numbered problems. There is also a Study Guide that has detailed explanations and worked-out practice problems.
- The Math Center, located in BEH 102, will be open: TBA. Your instructor can provide you with more details of the Center’s capabilities.
- There is a Math Tutor Lab in PHY 107. Your instructor will provide you with a schedule of when tutors will be available. The purpose of the lab is to answer generic questions on the course material. You may also ask questions about odd-numbered exercises.
- Arrange to meet your instructor outside of class.