

# Math 1050: College Algebra

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**Course Goal:** Improve quantitative reasoning and prepare for future math learning in calculus, linear algebra, and discrete mathematics.

**Note about Math 1050:** Few majors on campus require Math 1050. Math 1050 is a technical mathematics course designed primarily to prepare students for calculus. The general education QA requirement is also fulfilled by Math 1030 or Math 2000 for students not needing 1050 for their degree program. These courses are a better fit for those majors that do not require 1050.

**Topics to be covered:** Numbers, functions, sequences, series, counting problems, graphs of functions, inverse functions, polynomials, rational functions,  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots, exponential functions, logarithms, piecewise defined functions, matrices, and matrix equations.

## Expected Learning Outcomes:

1. Sketch the graph of basic polynomials (second and third order), rational, radical, exponential, logarithmic, and piecewise functions with or without transformations. Be able to identify important points such as  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts, maximum or minimum values; domain and range; and any symmetry.
2. For rational functions, identify  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts, vertical, horizontal and oblique asymptotes (end behavior), and domain. Use information to sketch graphs of functions.
3. For polynomial functions identify all zeros (real and complex), factors,  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts, end behavior and where the function is positive or negative. Use information to sketch graphs.
4. Understand the relationships between graphic, algebraic, and verbal descriptions of functions.
5. Given the graph of a function, be able to identify the domain, range, any asymptotes and/or symmetry,  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts, as well as find a rule for the function if it is obtained from a standard function through transformations.

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6. Define  $i$  as the square root of  $-1$  and know the complex arithmetic necessary for solving quadratic equations with complex roots.
  7. Solve absolute value, linear, polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic equations and inequalities.
  8. Find the inverse of a function algebraically and graphically.
  9. Perform composition of functions and operations on functions.
  10. Understand sequences and be able to differentiate between geometric, arithmetic and others such as Fibonacci-type sequences, giving direct formulas where available or a numeric representation.
  11. Understand series notation and know how to compute sums of finite arithmetic and finite and infinite geometric series.
  12. Solve systems of equations ( $3 \times 3$  linear) and non-linear equations in two variables.
  13. Make sense of algebraic expressions and explain relationship among algebraic quantities including quadratic, exponential, logarithmic, rational, radical, and polynomial expressions, equations and functions.
  14. Represent and interpret “real world” situations using quadratic, exponential, logarithmic, rational, radical, and polynomial expressions, equations, and functions.

**Text:** The text is available on the course canvas page. You may print or download any portion you would like, or may view it entirely online. Homework is also entirely available on the course Canvas page.

**Calculators:** Calculators will be useful for homework, but will not be permitted on quizzes or exams.

**Homework:** All homework is to be completed on IMathAS, which you will access on the course Canvas page. Due dates for homework assignments can also be found there. You may work with others on assignments and you may submit unlimited answers for each prompt. Please note, homework is a substantial part of your grade for the course (15%), it is to your benefit to do all your homework—partial credit is better than no credit.

**Quizzes:** There will be 8-10 weekly quizzes (Fridays when there is no midterm.) You must be in attendance to take the quiz. The three lowest quiz scores will be dropped.

**Attendance:** Concepts will be thoroughly explained and reviewed in class, thus it is to your absolute benefit to attend all classes. Students who regularly attend score on average 30% higher on exams than those who do not.

**Important dates:** Classes will meet every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday with the exception of MLK Jr Day, Presidents’ Day, and Spring Break.

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**MIDTERMS:**

Friday, February 7

Friday, March 6

Friday, April 10

**FINAL:** Tuesday, April 28, 1:00pm –3:00pm. The location will be announced in class.

All quizzes, exams and the final will only be given at the scheduled time. Students who miss an exam or quiz will receive a "0" on the missed exam. Students are expected to arrange personal work around the announced dates. Please come by and talk to the instructor, only in the event of the most extenuating of circumstances.

**Grades:** Numerical semester scores will be determined using the following formula:15% homework, 7% quizzes, 18% each midterm exam, 24% final exam. The three lowest quiz scores will be dropped. Your score on the final exam will replace your lowest midterm score or you will receive a 2% bonus to your final exam grade, whichever results in the highest grade. You may NOT drop the final.

Semester letter grades will be converted from numerical semester scores (N) as follows:

 $100 \geq N \geq 93: A$  $93 > N \geq 90: A-$  $90 > N \geq 88: B+$  $88 > N \geq 83: B$  $83 > N \geq 80: B-$  $80 > N \geq 78: C+$  $78 > N \geq 73: C$  $73 > N \geq 70: C-$  $70 > N \geq 68: D+$  $68 > N \geq 63: D$  $63 > N \geq 60: D-$  $60 > N : E$ **Additional Resources**

**Mathematics Tutoring Center:** Drop in, sit down, and if you have a question, someone will come by who can help you. There are also study areas free of tutors, a computer lab, group study rooms available through reservations, and group tutoring sessions that can be arranged to meet at a regular time. Located on 1st Floor of JWB or LCB. Open 8am-8pm MTWH; 8am-6pm F.

**Canvas:** The course has a Canvas page where all information will be kept including the link to your textbook, MyOpenMath, information about lecture videos, and reviews for exams.

**Math Department Video Lectures:** Video lectures are available at:

<http://www.math.utah.edu/lectures/math1050.html>

**Supplementary Instruction:** Schedule and location will be discussed the first week of class. Postings for weekly sessions can also be found on the course Canvas page.

**TA:** The TA is available to meet with students individually.

**ADA Statement:** The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in this class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability and Access, 162 Olpin Union Building, 801-581-5020. CDA will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for

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accommodations. All written information in this course can be made available in an alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability and Access.

**Addressing Sexual Misconduct:** Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender (which includes sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) is a civil rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, color, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, veteran's status or genetic information. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 135 Park Building, 801-581-8365, or the Office of the Dean of Students, 270 Union Building, 801-581-7066. For support and confidential consultation, contact the Center for Student Wellness, 426 SSB, 801-581-7776. To report to the police, contact the Department of Public Safety, 801-585-2677(COPS).

**Official Dates:** The last day to drop classes is Friday, January 17; the last day to withdraw from this class is Friday, March 6. Please check the academic calendar for more information pertaining to dropping and withdrawing from a course. Withdrawing from a course and other matters of registration are the student's responsibility.

**Wellness Statement:** Personal concerns such as stress, anxiety, relationship difficulties, depression, cross-cultural differences, etc., can interfere with a student's ability to succeed and thrive at the University of Utah. For helpful resources contact the Center for Student Wellness at [www.wellness.utah.edu](http://www.wellness.utah.edu) or 801-581-7776.

**Safety Statement:** The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort, call campus police at 801-585-COPS (801-585-2677). You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages regarding campus safety via text message. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit [safeu.utah.edu](http://safeu.utah.edu).