

MATH NCBO N014 Intermediate Algebra (CoRequisite)

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White Hall C120 MW 2-3PM

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Office Hours: MWF 10-11am or by appointment. I am also available for Skype call appointments.

Class meeting time and place: MW 2-3pm in White Hall C120

FREE Tutoring: Farrington 104 drop in tutoring hours:

Sunday 2-7PM

Monday-Thursday 8AM-9PM

Friday 8AM-3PM

Ada Lovelace Online Tutoring (A.L.O.T.)

Appointment only (instructions on Academic Success Center website)

Course Description:

This course satisfies the updated Texas Success Initiative mandate. The state has revised the law and now mandates that departments provide several options to address the varying degrees of student needs, in order to strengthen targeted weaknesses in a more efficient manner, thereby expediting the students' transition into college-level courses. This tutorial is taken in conjunction with MATH 1314. This course will allow the enrolled students to attempt their college-level math course while it provides the necessary support to help improve the students' chances for success. This course is required for students who have not met readiness standards for math.

Course Goals:

Improve the students' chances for success in their credit-level (1314) math course. The time in this class should be spent getting support in math and other general mentoring. In this class you should learn how to effectively take notes, study, build a professional relationship with your instructors, and improve your academic discipline.

Textbook: No textbook required.

This is a Pass/Fail Course:

- Students who complete the coursework successfully by the end of the semester will receive a 'CR' (pass) and will be TSI compliant.
- Students who do not successfully complete the coursework and who do not pass their college level math class with a C or better will receive an 'NC' (fail).
- Credit in this course will not be allowed to count toward graduation or computation of grade point average (GPA) or classification of students by hours completed. (Course does not fulfill University degree requirements.)
- A student can at any time pay and retake the TSI exam. If you pass with a 350 or higher we will give you credit (CR) for the course. This course may not be dropped.

Required Materials:

ALEKS Access Code (available on Blackboard). Please bring all materials, notes, graded assignments, etc. from your credit-level course (1314) along with another notebook for this course.

Homework- 75% of final grade

There will be regular homework assignments in the form of ALEKS homework or worksheets. Late homework is not accepted.

Attendance- 25% of final grade

Attendance is mandatory and taken at the beginning of class by swiping your Bearkat Onecard or signing in at the workshop. Should an emergency arise (such as a serious illness or death in the family) please report your absences through the Dean of Students. His office will assist you in gathering the required documentation and make sure that all your professors are made aware of the circumstances. The instructor will decide whether the documented circumstances qualify as an emergency or not. The Dean of Students office is located in Suite 215 of the Lowman Student Center and the phone number is 936-294-1785.

About the Pie

In ALEKS you will need to complete a knowledge check in order to begin the course. Once you have completed the knowledge check, you will be given a “pie” which tells you information on topics you may struggle with. This is an extra feature you may use to practice topics. The pie does **not** count at all toward your final grade; you are not required to work on the pie.

Grade Scale (1600 pts Total)

Homework	1200
Attendance	400

For instructions on managing your ALEKS student account, visit:

http://www.aleks.com/highered/math/Higher_Ed_Student_Registration.pdf

ALEKS Technical Support

- Hours (Eastern Time) o Sunday: 4pm – 1am
o Monday – Thursday: 7am – 1am
o Friday: 7am – 9pm
- Contact Support: <http://support.aleks.com>
- Visit www.aleks.com/support o FAQs
o User Guides
o System Requirements
o Troubleshooting

Rules for the classroom

Students will refrain from behavior that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Students should arrive on time for class and should not leave early.

Use of cell phones

Use of cell phones is prohibited during class time if I find such use disruptive to the class. If a student has an emergency need to keep his/her cell phone active, he/she should speak with me about that need before class begins.

Academic Honesty:

The subject of academic honesty is addressed in paragraph 5.3, Chapter VI, of the Rules and Regulations, Board of Regents, The Texas State University System, <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/728eec25-f780-4dcf-932c-03d68cade002.pdf> . Students are to abide by the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline in the Guidelines for Student Conduct in the Student Life Policies Handbook. Infractions will be dealt with in accordance with these same Guidelines.

Visitors in the Classroom:

Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

Disabled Student Policy:

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail disability@shsu.edu). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/7ff819c3-39f3-491d-b688-db5a330ced92.pdf>

Further guidelines for classroom conduct (including absences on religious holy days) are available at <http://www.shsu.edu/academics/syllabus-guidelines/>.