

# math103/104 Syllabus

## Math 103/104: College Algebra (5 hours)

**Text:** *Applied College Algebra University of Louisiana Lafayette with Materials from Algebra: Form and Function, 2nd Edition*, McCallum, Connally, and Hughes-Hallett, Wiley, 2015.

**Note:** Only one of MATH 102, MATH 103 and MATH 104, MATH 105, MATH 107, MATH 109, or MATH 143 may be used for degree credit.

**Knewton Alta is required. A scientific calculator is required. A TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84, or TI-84 Plus Graphics Calculator is recommended.**

### Objectives, Outcomes, and Competencies

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Use mathematical methods and models to solve quantitative problems and communicate solutions effectively.
2. Analyze and critically evaluate numerical and graphical data to draw reasonable and valid conclusions about real-world solutions.

### Sections and Topics

- Reordering and Regrouping
- The Distributive Law
- Use Operations to Solve Equations
- What is a Function
- Functions and Expressions
- Functions and Equations
- Functions and Change
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- Functions, Modeling, and Proportionality
- Introduction to Linear Functions
- Linear Expressions
- Linear Equations
- Equations for Lines in the Plane
- Systems of Linear Equations: Graphing Systems
- Solving Quadratic Equations
- Quadratic Expressions
- Applications of Quadratic Functions
- Converting to Factored and Vertex Form
- Quadratic Equations: Square Root Property
- End Behavior of Polynomials – Handout, on Moodle
- Polynomial Functions, Working with Polynomials

- Solving Polynomial Equations
- Long-Run Behavior of Polynomials: End Behavior, Write and Graph Functions
- Power Functions: Positive Exponents
- Power Functions: Negative and Fractional Exponents
- Power Functions and Expressions
- Power Functions and Equations
- Domain and Range: Of Functions
- Composing and Decomposing Functions
- Shifting and Scaling
- Inverse Functions
- Exponents with Integer Powers and Fractional Powers
- Exponential Functions
- Domain and Range: Exponential Functions
- Modeling with Exponential Functions
- Exponential Functions and Base  $e$
- Introduction to Logarithms
- Natural Logarithms
- Solving Exponential Equations
- Applications of Logarithms to Modeling
- Exponential Expressions
- Exponential Functions and Base  $e$

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