



Los Angeles Community College District

COURSE OUTLINE

SECTION I: BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

- 1. COLLEGE: Pierce
2. SUBJECT (DISCIPLINE) NAME (40 characters, no abbreviations): Math
3. COURSE NUMBER: 245
4. COURSE TITLE: College Algebra
5. UNITS: 3.00
6. CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION -- Provide a description of the course, including an overview of the topics covered:

Discusses relations, functions and their graphs, matrices and determinants, theory of equations, permutations, combinations, probability, and conic sections.

- 7. CLASS SCHEDULE COURSE DESCRIPTION -- Provide a brief description of the course, including an overview of the topics covered:

Discusses relations, functions and their graphs, matrices and determinants, theory of equations, permutations, combinations, probability, and conic sections.

8. COLLEGE APPROVAL DATE:

9. UPDATES (check all applicable boxes):

- Content Last Update: Jan. 17, 2005
Objectives Last Update: Jan. 17, 2005
College Specific Course Attributes/Data Elements Last Update:
Districtwide Course Attributes/Data Elements Last Update:
Other (describe) Last Update:

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10. CLASS HOURS:

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Hours per week (based on 18 weeks), Total Hours per term (hrs per week x 18), Units. Rows include Lecture, Lab/activity (w/ homework), Lab/activity (w/o homework), and Total.

Note: The Carnegie Rule and Title 5, section 55002 sets forth the following minimum standards: 1 unit = 1 hour lecture per week, 2 hours homework per week; OR 2 hours per week of lab with homework; OR 3 hours of lab per week without homework. The hours per week are based on a standard 18-week calendar. Lecture also includes discussion and/or demonstration hours, laboratory includes activity and/or studio hours.

1 Underlined course attributes are the same for the course throughout the LACCD; all other course attributes are college specific.

11. PREREQUISITES, COREQUISITES, ADVISORIES ON RECOMMENDED PREPARATION, and LIMITATION ON ENROLLMENT

Note: The LACCD's *Policy on Prerequisites, Corequisites and Advisories* requires that the curriculum committee take a separate action verifying that a course's prerequisite, corequisite or advisory is an "appropriate and rational measure of a student's readiness to enter the course or program" and that the prerequisite, corequisite or advisory meets the level of scrutiny delineated in the policy.

Prerequisites: **Yes** (If yes, complete information below)

and

or

or

Subject	Number	Course Title	Units	Validation Approval Date (for official use only)
Math	120	Plane Geometry	5	
Math	125	Intermediate Algebra	5	
Math	126	Intermediate Algebra and Trigonometry	6	
Intermediate Algebra Math Placement Test				

Corequisite: **None** (If yes, complete information below)

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Advisories: **None** (If yes, complete information below)

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12. OTHER LIMITATIONS ON ENROLLMENT (see Title 5, section 58106 and Board Rule 6803 for policy on allowable limitations. Other appropriate statutory or regulatory requirements may also apply):

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SECTION II: COURSE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES

1. COURSE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES:

COURSE CONTENT AND SCOPE – Lecture: If applicable, outline the topics included in the lecture portion of the course (<i>Outline reflects course description, all topics covered in class.</i>)	Hours per topic	COURSE OBJECTIVES - Lecture (<i>If applicable:</i> upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to... (<i>Use action verbs – see Bloom’s Taxonomy below for “action verbs requiring cognitive outcomes.”</i>))
1. Relations, functions and graphs 2. Matrices and determinants 3. Theory of equations 4. Sequences and series 5. Permutations, combinations and probability 6. Conic sections		Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graph basic functions and analyze and interpret their properties 2. Perform algebraic manipulations involving radicals, exponents, rational expressions, and logarithms 3. Analyze and graph conic sections 4. Use matrices for the solution of a system of linear equations 5. Evaluate determinants and analyze and interpret their properties 6. Compute and use permutations and combinations 7. Compute basic probabilities
Total lecture hours*	54	

*Total lecture and laboratory hours (which includes the final examination) must equal totals on page 1.

2. REQUIRED TEXTS:

Provide a representative list of textbooks and other required reading; include author, title and date of publication:

College Algebra, Lial/Miller
Fundamentals of College Algebra, Lial/Miller
College Algebra, Barnett/Ziegler

3. SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS:

Reading assignments may include, but are not limited to the following:

4. WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

Title 5, section 55002 requires grades to be “based on demonstrated proficiency in subject matter and the ability to demonstrate that proficiency, at least in part, by means of essays or, in courses where the curriculum committee deems them to be appropriate, by problem solving exercises or skills demonstrations by students.” Writing assignments in this course may include, but are not limited to the following:

Writing assignments in this course include, but are not limited to, problem solving exercises.

5. REPRESENTATIVE OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Out of class assignments may include, but are not limited to the following:

6. REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS THAT DEMONSTRATE CRITICAL THINKING:

Title 5, section 55002(a) requires that a degree applicable course have a level of rigor that includes "critical thinking and the understanding and application of concepts determined by the curriculum committee to be at college level". Critical thinking may include, but is not limited to analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Provide examples of assignments that demonstrate critical thinking.

Writing assignments involve problem solving and analysis. For example: "Some comets have a hyperbolic orbit, with the sun as one focus. Suppose when a particular comet is far away from Earth, it appears to be approaching Earth along the line $y = 2x$, where the motion of the comet is in the plane of an x-y coordinate system with the Earth at the origin, and x and y have units in miles. Find the equation of the orbit of the comet if it comes within 100 million miles of the Earth."

7. METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Title 5, section 55002 requires grades to be "based on demonstrated proficiency in subject matter and the ability to demonstrate that proficiency, at least in part, by means of essays, or, in courses where the curriculum committee deems them to be appropriate, by problem solving exercises or skills demonstrations by students." Methods of evaluation may include, but are not limited to the following (please note that evaluation should measure the outcomes detailed "Course Objectives" at the beginning of Section II):

Methods of evaluation may include, but are not limited to, quizzes and exams, including a final exam; homework; computer projects; portfolios or journals

8. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Methods of instruction may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Lecture
- Discussion
- Laboratory
- Activity
- Field Experience
- Independent Study
- Other (explain)

student presentations,
group work, computer labs
or computer-aided
instruction, videos

9. SUPPLIES:

List of supplies the student must provide.

Scientific or graphing calculators

10. COMPUTER COMPETENCY: