

# Syllabus:

## Math 134 Section 1

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**Meeting times:** MW 2:30-4:00  
**Textbook:** *College Algebra, Blitzer*

**Office hours:** MW 9am-10am, T 2pm – 3pm

It is important that you seek out help as soon as you experience difficulty. Extra help can be found at:

- The Learning Emporium, <http://www.hawaii.edu/natsci/math.php>
- And from The Learning Assistance center, <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/learning/>

**Course Material:** This course will cover chapters 1–4 of the text. This class is for students who need to take Math 140 (Pre-calculus Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry) or Math 203 (Calculus for Business and Social Sciences). Students who just need a math class should take Math 100.

**Homework:** Your overall homework score will be worth 15% of your total grade. All homework assignments will be on MyMathLab. Homework will be assigned once weekly on Monday and will be due on Saturday at 11:59pm

- MyMathLab: Go to <http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mymathlab/>, or Google search MyMathLab.
- If you already have an account sign in.
- If you do not have an account click “register now” as a student and follow the instructions.
- The course ID is lorentz39397

**In class work:** Your in class work will be worth 15% of your grade.

- Before coming to class you must print the in class work.
  - Go to MyMathLab.
  - In the side menu scroll down and click on Course Tools.
  - Once in the Course Tools menu click on Document Sharing.
  - Download the appropriate classwork and print.
- You will work independently for the first 15 minutes of in class work.
- After that you will be randomly divided into groups and work collaboratively on the in class work.
- Once in groups every group member will write their name on a piece of paper. Every member of the group will receive the same score, which will be recorded on this paper.

- If you do not bring a copy of the classwork to class you WILL NOT receive credit for that day.

**Tests:** There will be three in class exams and a common final exam.

- Each in class exams will be worth 15% of your total grade.
- The final test will be worth 25% of your total grade.
- The final test will be on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, and will be cumulative.
- No calculators, notes, or books are allowed during tests.
- There will be no make-ups for any tests except in the case of a properly documented medical or family emergency. If you will miss a test for a school related excused absence (e.g. a travel team). It is your responsibility to arrange a time to take the test *before* the absence.

**Cheating:** I have a zero tolerance policy on cheating. If you are caught cheating you will receive a zero on that test. If you are caught twice you will not pass the class.

**Grading curve:** A 70% or better will be considered passing.

**Accessibility:** Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability is invited to contact me privately. I would be happy to work with you, and the KOKUA Program (Office for Students with Disabilities) to ensure reasonable accommodations in my course. KOKUA can be reached at (808) 956-7511 or (808) 956-7612 (voice/text) in room 013 of the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services.

**Important dates:**

- August 29<sup>th</sup> last day to withdraw without a W.
- August 31<sup>st</sup> last day to add/register courses.
- September 5<sup>th</sup> no class, Labor Day (Monday).
- October 21<sup>st</sup> last day to withdraw.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> no class, Election Day (Tuesday).
- November 24<sup>th</sup> no class, Thanksgiving (Thursday).

**Rough Schedule** subject to change

WEEK #	SECTIONS TO COVER
1	▪ 1.1 Graphs and Graphing Utilities
2	▪ 1.2 Linear Equations and Rational Equations
3	▪ 1.3 Models and Applications ▪ 1.5 Quadratic Equations ▪ 1.6 Other Types of Equations ▪ 1.7 Linear Inequalities and Absolute Value Inequalities
4	<b>Midterm Exam 1 (which covers Ch. 1)</b>

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<b>5</b> <b>6</b> <b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2.1 Basics of Functions and Their Graphs</li> <li>▪ 2.2 More on Functions and Their Graphs</li> <li>▪ 2.3 Linear Functions and Slope</li> <li>▪ 2.4 More on Slope</li> <li>▪ 2.5 Transformations of Functions</li> <li>▪ 2.6 Combinations of Functions; Composite Functions</li> <li>▪ 2.7 Inverse Functions</li> <li>▪ 2.8 Distance and Midpoint Formulas; Circles</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Midterm Exam 2 (which covers Ch. 2)</b>
<b>9</b> <b>10</b> <b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3.1 Quadratic Functions</li> <li>▪ 3.2 Polynomial Functions and Their Graphs</li> <li>▪ 3.3 Dividing Polynomials; Remainder and Factor Theorems</li> <li>▪ 3.4 Zeros of Polynomial Functions</li> <li>▪ 3.5 Rational Functions and Their Graphs</li> <li>▪ 3.6 Polynomial and Rational Inequalities</li> </ul>
<b>12</b>	<b>Midterm Exam 3 (which covers Ch. 3)</b>
<b>13</b> <b>14</b> <b>15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4.1 Exponential Functions</li> <li>▪ 4.2 Logarithmic Functions</li> <li>▪ 4.3 Properties of Logarithms</li> <li>▪ 4.4 Exponential and Logarithmic Equations</li> <li>▪ 4.5 Exponential Growth and Decay; Modeling Data</li> </ul>
<b>16</b>	<b>Review for Final Exam (which is cumulative)</b>