

MATH 00020 – 00024 Basic Algebra 0 – IV Generalized Syllabi

Instructor name, office hours, and contact information will be provided on specific course syllabi, given by instructor at the beginning of the course. Additional time-specific information about course duration, add/drop dates, and withdraw dates will be provided on specific course syllabi.

TEXT: Electronic version of the text is in ALEKS. For courses 00020-23 students can highlight the text and take notes within ALEKS. For 00024 students can still view the text but need to use paper and pencil to take notes. Otherwise all five courses will have written step by step explanations.

VIDEOS: After you do the initial assessment, click on pie, begin a problem hit explain, then to the right locate eBook, then below that click on *supplemental resources* to access videos. Another way: Go to your pie, select eBook tab, select media tab, and then select lecture. See Help Icon on Emporium computers for more information. You must supply you own ear buds at the Emporium lab.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Regular attendance in the Emporium is necessary and expected. Class will begin and end promptly. Attendance is reported “from the college” and “total hours.” when you log into ALEKS. See your totals using the “*Report*” link at the upper right hand corner. Attendance will be taken at the beginning and at the end of every class period. To count you need to be in class the entire period.

You are expected to log **at least 20 ALEKS hours at the Math Emporium** (second floor University Library room 210) having a total of 30 – 40 hours unless you finish the course early. This means you will work at least 3 *additional hours* at home per week. See grading policy. You may make up hours at the Emporium outside of class time. **Emporium Hours are listed on the Department of Mathematical Sciences website, under Basic Algebra Sequence (ALEKS).**

IMPORTANT DATES: *Last day to add/drop* MM/DD/YYYY. *Last day to withdraw* MM/DD/YYYY

H2: MM/DD/YYYY MM/DD/YYYY

Bring ID, no calculator, no cell calculator; bring paper and no cell phone on desk.

Assessment Schedule (2 day sessions)

Day 1: initial assessment Day 11: Midterm 2 (comprehensive)

Day 4: assessment 1 M, W take home practice final after week 7, day 13 (R to Sun Midnight)

Day 7: Midterm 1 T, R take home practice final after week 6, day 12 (F to Mon Midnight)

Last two days first and second attempt Finals (days 14 and 15)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

For Math 00020-22: - students are expected to add at least 20 topics to their pie each week.

For Math 00023-24: - students are expected to add at least 25 topics to their pie each week.

All students are expected to work at least 6 hours a week in ALEKS. See Grading Policy.

If you are regularly learning fewer than 2 topics an hour, you should consult with your instructor.

If you are learning more than 6 topics an hour, you may be going too fast to remember the topics well.

Progress Assessments: After every 5 hrs and 20 topics learned or 10 hrs of ALEKS, a progress assessment automatically occurs. **Notes and electronic devices other than what is provided in the ALEKS software are not permitted during assessments. Use of such aids during a progress assessment will not help your final grade and will hurt your later progress in the course.**

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If **Flashline** is down please use this alternative site:

<https://solutions.kent.edu/aleks/Login.aspx?redirect=courses>

GRADING POLICY for regular finishers: New Read Carefully.

The final assessment is the ALEKS comprehensive final assessment. For students who score less than 73% on the comprehensive final assessment, that score will determine the course grade.

ATTENDING and TAKING the ASSIGNED ASSESSMENTS can RAISE your grade at most 3% after you score 73% on the final assessment or can LOWER your grade at most 3% after you score 73% on the final assessment.

HOW are the points added to your score of 73% or higher?

a) Great Attendance: at least 20 hrs in class (perfect at least 25 hrs) receive plus 1 % !

If not, receive minus 1% each day missed or leave early.

b) Perfect Assignments: 4 assigned assessments (exclude initial and two finals) receive plus 1% !

If not, receive minus 1% each assignment missed.

c) Total hours at least 30 hours (excluding take home assessment, initial and final assessments)

receive plus 1 % otherwise add 0% OR receive at least 70% on midterm 2 (00020-22) OR receive at least 65% on midterm 2 (00023-24) receive 1% otherwise add 0%.

Only university excuses are allowed such as: 1) death of immediate family member 2) your own sickness-medical doctor excuse required 3) University approved event or 4) religious observance.

See University Attendance/Absence Policy:

http://www.kent.edu/policyreg/policydetails.cfm?customel_datapageid_1976529=2037744

All other excuses are INVALID.

GRADING SCALE: A: 93-100 % A-: 90-92% B+: 87-89 % B: 83-86% B-: 80-82% C+: 77-79%
C: 73-76% C-: 70-72% D+: 67-69 % D: 60-66% F: 0 - 59%

To progress to the next course after any Pre-Algebra or Basic Algebra Course, the student must earn a C, and so must score at least 73% on the comprehensive final assessment plus additional points to be added by the end of the course. See above grading policy.

Note: you might not pass the course if you receive 73% on the final assessment.