

Course Outcome Summary

Standard Course

Math 157/College Algebra

Course Information

Division Science/Mathematics

Contact Hours 45 Total Credits 3 (three)

Prerequisites A grade of C or better in MATH 151 or qualifying score on accepted placement tests.

Course Description

This course covers the topics of polynomial equations, inequalities, exponential equations and logarithmic equations. Also included are systems of equations and complex numbers. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to college-level mathematics at a more gradual pace than MATH 164. MATH 157 and MATH 159 are the equivalent of MATH 164.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

- 1- determine the solution set of linear and quadratic equations and inequalities algebraically and with a graphing calculator;
- 2- graph polynomial and rational functions with or without a graphing calculator;
- 3- solve equations and inequalities involving third and fourth degree polynomials algebraically and with a graphing calculator;
- 4- solve equations involving exponential or logarithmic functions algebraically and with a graphing calculator;
- 5- solve systems of equations and inequalities algebraically and with a graphing calculator;
- 6- apply matrix theory to solve systems of equations algebraically and with a graphing calculator.

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