

This is a template syllabus. This file contains course specific information, such as catalog description, goals and objectives, which does not change. **The parts highlighted in yellow are to be determined by the individual instructors.** The official syllabus for each section will be provided by the instructor in the beginning of the semester.

### **Syllabus 20 \*\***

The University of Iowa  
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Department of Mathematics  
14 Mac Lean Hall  
**MATH:1005 College Algebra (ALEKS sections)**

### **Lectures: Time and Place**

Some of the policies relating to this course (such as the drop deadline) are governed by its administrative home, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 120 Schaeffer Hall.

**Prerequisites:** MATH:0100 with a grade of C- or higher or ALEKS score of 30 or higher.

**Recommendations:** it is strongly recommended that students whose math placement score is older than one year retake the math placement test for accurate placement and success in the course.

### **NOT Approved for GE**

#### **Instructor:**

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**Catalog Description of Course:** Algebraic techniques, equations and inequalities, functions and graphs, exponential and logarithmic functions, systems of equations and inequalities.

**This section is taught as a self-paced course using a diagnostic test based software, ALEKS. This course is not a distance learning course. Although this course has a strong online component, it is taught in a computer lab and a classroom with an instructor, and the attendance to the classes (4 hours/week) is mandatory.**

**Goals and objectives:** The main goal of this course is to reinforce fundamental concepts and techniques in algebra to prepare students for more advanced mathematics courses. This is a first course in the two-

semester precalculus sequence. After successfully completing MATH:1005 (College Algebra) and MATH:1010 (Trigonometry) students are fully prepared for the trigonometry-based calculus courses MATH:1850, MATH:1460, or MATH:1550. The particular objectives are using functional notation, finding the domain of polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and logarithmic functions, evaluating the sum, difference, product, quotient, and composition of two functions at a given value, finding the inverse of a function and its domain and range, interpret the graphs of functions, sketching the graphs linear, polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic functions and their transformations as well as piece-wise defined functions, solve polynomial and rational inequalities, using the factor and remainder theorems using polynomial long division to factor polynomials of degree three and higher, finding the vertex of a parabola by completing the square and using the vertex formula, finding the center and radius of a circle by completing the square, solving polynomial, rational, exponential (with like and unlike bases), logarithmic equations as well as equations involving radicals and rational exponent, using applications of linear functions, quadratic functions (including falling object problems and extremum problems), exponential and logarithmic functions (including exponential growth and decay, doubling time, and half-life problems, systems of linear equations.

**Required text:** (Check the current textbook from Department Webpage)

<https://math.uiowa.edu/undergraduate-program/course-information/book-list>

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**2019-2020:** 1-semester ALEKS 360 access code for Miller & Gerken, *College Algebra Essentials*, 2/e  
Note that the e-book is included with the purchase of ALEKS 360 access code.

**Purchasing options:** In some semesters, Digital Access-ICON Direct textbooks may be available, and you can purchase your ALEKS code through ICON Direct.

**Material to be covered from the Text:** We'll cover all chapters from the textbook except for Chapters R, 1, 2, 3, 4, and Sections 5.1 and 5.2. **If the textbook changes, then still every topic in the "Goals and the Objectives" will be covered, and through ALEKS.**

**ICON** (<https://icon.uiowa.edu/>) Class announcements, due dates, and information pertaining to homework, quizzes, and tests will be posted regularly on ICON. I recommend you check it daily.

**Class Format:** There will be one traditional lecture on Thursday where new material will be introduced and 3 computer lab hours when you will be working on ALEKS. Tests, quizzes as well as other work will be done using ALEKS. There will be additional important materials introduced during computer sessions. What we do in class is a critical supplement to the online material.

**Grading procedures:** The final grade will be based on attendance, weekly progress, quizzes, 3 midterm tests, final pie chart, and final examination as follows:

**Grading System:**

**Adjustable criterion-referenced grading is a combination of having some minimum expectations for each letter grade (scale) and use some limited curving** if a need arises. The scale can be adjusted only to improve the letter grades of the students, that is, the scale will never go up during the semester.

Note that no A+ will be given in this course.

**Examinations:** There will be three 50-minute midterm exams and a cumulative final exam.

Midterm Exam I:

Coverage: Modules 1-4

Midterm Exam II:

Coverage: Modules 5-8

Midterm Exam III:

Coverage: Modules 9-12

Final Exam:

Date TBA Coverage: comprehensive

Classrooms: TBA

**All exams are closed-book, closed-notes.**

**A Word about the Date and Time of the Final Exam:** The date and time of every final examination is announced by the Registrar generally by the fifth week of the classes. **No exams of any kind are allowed during the last week of classes.** All students should plan on being at the UI through the final examination period. Once the Registrar has announced the date, time, and location of each final exam, the complete schedule will be published on the Registrar's web site and will be shared with instructors and students. It is the student's responsibility to know the date, time, and place of the final exam.

**Weekly progress:** Even though there is a certain degree of self-pacing you must make steady progress in the course. This will be monitored by the instructor in ALEKS. There will be a set of topics ("module") given for each week. Each module is due on Wednesday by 11:59 pm. However it is strongly recommended that you complete each module before your Wednesday class.

**Quizzes:** You will have to complete a quiz weekly (usually at the end of class on Wednesday) starting in the second week of classes. The quizzes will be based on problems from the current module. The two lowest quiz scores will be dropped at the end of the semester.

**Practice Quizzes and Exams:** You will be given practice quizzes and exams prior to regular quizzes and exams. These are optional but highly recommended. If you complete a practice quiz/exam with 80-89% you'll get 3% extra on the corresponding quiz/exam. If you complete a practice quiz/exam with 90-99% you'll get 4% extra on the corresponding quiz/exam. If you complete a practice quiz/exam with 100%, you'll get 5% extra on the corresponding quiz/exam. Note that your quiz or exam score will not exceed 100%.

**Timely completion of assignments:** Late assignments are not accepted.

**Course Policies:** *Make-up policies for exam and quizzes:* As stated in CLAS webpage:

<https://clas.uiowa.edu/faculty/student-attendance-and-absences>: University policy requires that students be permitted to make up examinations missed because of illness, mandatory religious obligations, authorized UI activities, or unavoidable circumstances. An unavoidable circumstance is defined as an event beyond the student's control and often involves a serious and unexpected hospitalization, a family tragedy, or a related incident. Such circumstances **do not include** attendance at a wedding, a family vacation, obligations related to work or other such matters. The instructor of a student participating in an authorized UI activity is sent a statement generally by email from the UI official in charge of the event before the absence occurs; this statement will include the specific date and time that the student will miss class. Activities related to employment, fraternities or sororities, or volunteer activities are not UI authorized activities.

*Attendance:* Attendance will be taken regularly. Absences will only be excused for medical or family emergency reasons, a university-sanctioned field trip or the observance of a religious holiday. If you miss a class due to illness, you should submit the [absence form](#) through the Registrar website. If you miss more than five days of classes you should be able to provide a record of appointments or documentation from a health care provider. If you miss a class, you are still responsible for the material discussed in class and for all the announcements made in class.

*Participation in class discussions:* I encourage you to ask questions in class anytime you are working in the learning mode. As a rule if you answer a question in ALEKS incorrectly twice, ask me for help!

*Calculators:* For certain problems ALEKS activates a build-in calculator. Non-ALEKS calculators are not allowed in class and their use at home is discouraged.

*Other Expectations of Student Performance:* Expect to spend at least 8 hours weekly outside of the classroom doing the assignments. More time may be needed to prepare for exams.

*Classroom behavior:* I expect that you will behave with respect to the other students in the class and to me. In particular this means turning off (or silencing) your cell phone. You should not be sending text messages, browsing internet, playing games, or listening to your iPod during class. Laptops are not allowed in class.

*Academic honesty:* **This is not an online course. All quizzes and exams are to be taken in class. If a student takes an exam/quiz outside of the classroom or opens external website during an exam/quiz or uses non-ALEKS calculator or any other electronic device during an exam/quiz, the academic misconduct will be reported to CLAS.**

*Student Collaboration:* **Student collaboration (and searching answers online on external websites) is NOT permitted on quizzes and exams. Any such attempt during exams and quizzes will result in a 0 score on that test.** You may discuss ALEKS problems (for HW and assignments, but not for exams and quizzes) with others or use online resources. However, please be aware that to master the skills needed for this class, practice is required and you have to complete ALEKS topics on your own. If you have received a substantial help (from your peers or instructor) on a topic, do extra practice to ensure that the topic is fully mastered.

## Resources for Students

Students will find the Writing Center and the Speaking Center very useful for this course:

Writing Center: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~writingc/>

Speaking Center: <http://clas.uiowa.edu/rhetoric/for-students/speaking-center>

Math Tutorial Lab: 125 MLH <http://www.math.uiowa.edu/math-tutorial-lab>

Math Tutorial Lab: The Math Tutorial Lab offers free tutorial services for the course material. Participation is optional, but strongly recommended. It is located in 125 MLH and it is staffed by teaching assistants from the Department of Mathematics.

## Notes to the Students:

1. All students in the College have specific rights and responsibilities. You have the right to adjudication of any complaints you have about classroom activities or instructor actions. Information on these procedures and your responsibilities is available in the Schedule of Courses and on-line in the College's Student Academic Handbook, (<https://clas.uiowa.edu/students/handbook>) In summary, first see the person you wish to complain about, and then see his/her immediate supervisor. The chain is: graduate or undergraduate assistants, then **Prof. XX**, then the Chairman of the Department of Mathematics **Prof. YY**, and then an appropriate Dean. The Department of Mathematics has offices in 14 MLH (MacLean Hall). To make an appointment to talk to the chairman of the department call 335-0714 or contact the departmental secretary in 14 MLH.
2. We would like to hear from anyone who has a disability which may require some modification of seating, testing, or other class requirements so that appropriate arrangements may be made. Please contact your lecturer during his office hours, in the beginning of the semester and far in advance of the exams. You should notify the Office of Student Disability Services, SDS and obtain the form(s) needed. The necessary modifications will be made available to you after the SDS processes and approves your request.
3. We are planning to use ICON for posting grades and other course material. Also, some announcements may be e-mailed through ICON to your UI e-mail. Check ICON and your UI e-mail regularly, and make sure that UI has your correct e-mail address.
4. This course plan may be modified during the semester. All changes will be announced in class in advance. It is solely the student's responsibility to be informed of such announced changes.

## **CLAS Teaching Policies & Resources — Syllabus Insert**

<https://clas.uiowa.edu/faculty/teaching-policies-resources-syllabus-insert>