DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY
College of Science
Department of Mathematics

ITMATH1 – Algebra for BS IT Students

Prerequisite: __________________________
Contact details: ______________________
Class Schedule and Room: ____________

Instructor: ____________________________
Consultation Hours: _________________

Course Description
This course covers the number system, fundamental concepts and theorems of algebra, algebraic expressions like polynomials, fractions and radicals, solution(s) of linear and quadratic equations and linear inequalities, different methods of solving systems of linear equations and solution to system of linear inequalities.

Learning Outcomes
On completion of this course, the student is expected to present the following learning outcomes in line with the Expected Lasallian Graduate Attributes (ELGA)

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<td>Critical and Creative Thinker</td>
<td>At the end of the course, the students should be able to understand and explain the basic concepts of algebra.</td>
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<td>Effective Communicator</td>
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<td>Lifelong Learner</td>
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<td>Service-Driven Citizen</td>
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Final Course Output
As evidence of attaining the above learning outcomes, the student is required to submit the following during the indicated dates of the term.

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<th>Required Learning Output</th>
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<td>At the end of the course, the students should be able to understand and explain</td>
<td>Students will be required to answer all assigned items in a given practice exercise set</td>
<td>On each scheduled</td>
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<td>the basic concepts of algebra.</td>
<td>covering topics prior to each quiz. But items to be graded will be randomly chosen by</td>
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<td>the faculty and this will form part of the 10% of the final grade.</td>
<td>quiz date.</td>
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Rubric for assessment
The following rubric will be used for grading students’ written solutions to faculty chosen items in every required learning output.

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<th>CRITERIA</th>
<th>Excellent (4)</th>
<th>Good (3)</th>
<th>Satisfactory (2)</th>
<th>Needs Improvement (1)</th>
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<td>Content and Organization (50%)</td>
<td>In-depth and insightful discussion in addition to score performance.</td>
<td>Logical sequencing of information throughout.</td>
<td>Logical sequencing of information most of the time.</td>
<td>Information presented with little organization.</td>
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<td>Knowledge of Topic (30%)</td>
<td>Concepts in Algebra are presented correctly. Mistakes are justified correctly.</td>
<td>A few concepts are incorrectly stated and some mistakes are not correctly justified.</td>
<td>Majority of the mistakes committed are not correctly justified.</td>
<td>No justification given.</td>
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<td>Grammar (20%)</td>
<td>No error</td>
<td>Only one or two errors are committed.</td>
<td>Three or four errors are committed.</td>
<td>More than four errors are committed.</td>
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Additional Requirements
- Quizzes (at least 3)
- Board work, Recitation, Homework, Seatwork
- Final Examination
Grading System

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<th>FOR EXEMPTED STUDENTS (w/out Final Exam)</th>
<th>FOR STUDENTS with FINAL EXAM</th>
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<td>with no missed quizzes</td>
<td>with one missed quiz</td>
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<td>Average of quizzes &amp; Project</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Seatwork, Homework, Board Work, Learning Output, Lab exercises</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Final exam</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>40%</td>
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Scale:
- 95-100%: 4.0
- 89-94%: 3.5
- 83-88%: 3.0
- 78-82%: 2.5
- 72-77%: 2.0
- 66-71%: 1.5
- 60-65%: 1.0
- <60%: 0.0

Learning Plan

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<tr>
<th>Learning Outcome</th>
<th>TOPICS</th>
<th>WEEK NO.</th>
<th>Learning Activities</th>
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| At the end of the course, the students should be able to understand and explain the basic concepts of algebra. | Review Topics in Algebra  
1.1 The Set of Real Numbers  
1.2 Integer Exponents  
1.3 Polynomials: Operations and Special Products  
1.4 Factoring Polynomials  
1.5 Rational Expressions: Fractions and Operations  
1.6 Rational Exponents and Radicals  
1.7 Properties and Operations on Radicals  
1.8 The Set of Complex Numbers | Week 1 – 2  
Week 3 - 5 | Seatwork  
Board work  
Lecture and Discussion  
Practice Exercises |
| Linear and Quadratic Equations | 2.1 Equations  
2.1.1 Linear Equations  
2.1.2 Involving Rational Expressions  
2.1.3 Literal Equations  
2.2 Applications of Linear Equation  
2.2.1 Number Relation  
2.2.2 Investment/Finance  
2.3 Quadratic Equations in One Variable and Applications  
2.4 Other Equations in One Variable | Week 6 - 9 | Seatwork  
Board work  
Lecture and Discussion  
Practice Exercises |
| Systems of Equations and Matrices | 3.1 Systems of Linear Equations in Two Variables  
3.2 Systems of Linear Equations in Three Variables  
3.3 Properties and Operations on Matrices  
3.4 Determinants and Cramer’s Rule  
3.5 Solutions of Linear Systems by Matrix Inverses  
3.6 Solutions to Linear Systems by Gaussian Elimination and Gauss-Jordan Reduction | Week 10 – 12 | Seatwork  
Board work  
Lecture and Discussion  
Practice Exercises |
| Linear Inequalities | 4.1 Linear Inequality in One | Week 13 | Seatwork  
Board work |
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<th>Variable</th>
<th>4.2 Linear Inequality in Two Variables</th>
<th>4.3 Systems of Linear Inequalities in 2 Variables</th>
<th>Lecture and Discussion Practice Exercises</th>
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**FINAL EXAMINATION** (2 hrs)

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**References**


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**Online Resources**


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**Class Policies**

1. The required minimum number of quizzes for a 3-unit course is 3, and 4 for 4-unit course. No part of the final exam may be considered as one quiz.
2. Cancellation of the lowest quiz is not allowed even if the number of quizzes exceeds the required minimum number of quizzes.
3. As a general policy, no special or make-up tests for missed exams other than the final examination will be given. However, a faculty member may give special exams for
   A. approved absences (where the student concerned officially represented the University at some function or activity).
   B. absences due to serious illness which require hospitalization, death in the family and other reasons which the faculty member deems meritorious.
4. If a student missed two (2) examinations, then he/she will be required to take a make up for the second missed examination.
5. If the student has no valid reason for missing an exam (for example, the student was not prepared to take the exam) then the student receives 0% for the missed quiz.
6. Students who get at least 89% in every quiz are exempted from taking the final examination. Their final grade will be based on the average of their quizzes and other prefinal course requirements. The final grade of exempted students who opt to take the final examination will be based on the prescribed computation of final grades inclusive of a final examination. Students who missed and/or took any special/make-up quiz will not be eligible for exemption.
7. Learning outputs are required and not optional to pass the course.
8. Mobile phones and other forms of communication devices should be on silent mode or turned off during class.
9. Students are expected to be attentive and exhibit the behavior of a mature and responsible individual during class. They are also expected to come to class on time and prepared.
10. Sleeping, bringing in food and drinks, and wearing a cap and sunglasses in class are not allowed.
11. Students who wish to go to the washroom must politely ask permission and, if given such, they should be back in class within 5 minutes. Only one student at a time may be allowed to leave the classroom for this purpose.
12. Students who are absent from the class for more than 5 meetings will get a final grade of 0.0 in the course.
13. Only students who are officially enrolled in the course are allowed to attend the class meetings.

Approved by:

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Chair, Department of Mathematics

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