Course Objective: To develop an understanding of concepts and applications of elementary algebra

Course Description: This course covers products and factoring of polynomials, algebraic fractions, exponents and radicals, quadratic equations, functions and graphs, applications and systems of equations. Credit in this course may not be applied toward graduation or classification of students by hours completed.

Prerequisite: This course requires at least one of three conditions: (1) a math THEA score of at least 230, (2) be THEA exempt, or (3) a grade of "C" or better in MTH 031D.

Attendance: Participation is very important for success in this class. Bonus points will be given to students who show exceptional attendance. If a student misses zero classes five bonus points will be added to their final grade. If a student misses two or less class days two points will be added to their final grade. These are bonus points so no excuses will be taken (that includes school sponsored activities).

Exams: There will be four (4) exams including the final exam. There will be no makeup exams.

Homework: Homework will be assigned each class period. Save all homework assignments in a binder or folder as you can use homework on quizzes.

Quizzes: There will be homework quizzes to make sure you are completing your homework assignments. The problems will be straight from your homework and you can use your homework assignments. If you do all your homework these quizzes will be easy.

Grades: Exam 1 20% A: 90% - 100%
Exam 2 20% B: 80% - 89%
Exam 3 20% C: 70% - 79%
Final Exam 20% D: 60% - 69%
Quizzes 20% F: 59% or below

Notes: This course does not satisfy any degree requirements toward graduation, not even
grade points or total hours toward classification. However, this class is absolutely necessary in order to succeed in mathematics courses for your major. Therefore, a grade of “C” or better in this course is required for you to be able to continue towards other mathematics courses.

- A scientific calculator can be used on tests and quizzes. No graphing calculators allowed. Students are not allowed to share calculators. Sharing a calculator will result in a grade of 0 on that test/quiz for all parties involved. If answers to questions are illegible, due to scratch-outs or any other reason, the question will be marked wrong. It is your responsibility to write legibly. Office hours are listed above. Students are encouraged to visit during office hours, make an appointment, or get help at the math tutoring lab in FAR 104.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.

**Classroom Rules of Conduct:**

A professional attitude is vital for success in this class; therefore your professionalism will be part of your grade. You must refrain from any behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

**Visitors in the Classroom:**

Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor’s discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom. Please contact me before class if a visitor must be present.

**Instructor Evaluations:**

Students may be asked to complete a course/instructor evaluation form toward the end of the
A student seeking accommodations should go to the Counseling Center and Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in a timely manner.

**Religious Holidays:**

University policy states that a student who is absent from class for the observance of a religious holy day must be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence. Students must be excused to travel for observance of a religious holy day. A student who wishes to be excused for a religious holy day must present the instructor with a written statement describing the holy day(s) and the travel involved.

**Additional Information:** All information on this syllabus is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class.