

Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College

Course Title: Elementary Algebra II

Prefix and Course Number: MATH 92

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Solve systems of linear equations by graphing, substitution and elimination.
- Recognize inconsistent and dependent systems graphically and algebraically.
- Use systems of linear equations to solve applications.
- Determine if a number is prime or composite.
- Prime factor a whole number.
- Determine if a number is divisible by 2, 3 or 5.
- Factor polynomials using various techniques.
- Determine if a polynomial is prime.
- Solve quadratic equations by factoring.
- Setup and solve application problems using quadratic equations.
- Reduce and find restriction's for rational expressions.
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide rational expressions.
- Perform long division with polynomials to find the quotient and remainder.
- Solve rational equations and identify extraneous solutions.
- Use rational equations to solve applications.
- Simplify radical expressions.
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide radical expressions.
- Use the Pythagorean theorem.

Course Outline:

VI. Systems of Linear Equations

- A. Graphing review (In Math 92)
- B. Solving by graphing
- C. Recognizing no solution and same line
- D. Solving by elimination
- E. Solving by substitution
- F. Applications

VII. Factoring

- A. Revisit Multiplication (in particular, the Distributive Property of Multiplication over Addition)
- B. Greatest Common Factor
- C. Factor versus term
 - i. Identify factors
 - ii. Identify terms
 - iii. Explain the difference between factors and terms
- D. Factor by grouping
- E. Factor quadratic trinomials
- F. Factor special patterns
 - i. Perfect square trinomials
 - ii. Difference of squares
- G. Multiple step factoring
- H. Solve quadratic equations by factoring

- VIII. Operations Involving Rational Expressions
 - A. Evaluate rational expressions
 - i. Find restrictions on rational expressions
 - B. Reduce rational expressions
 - i. Including opposite factors
 - C. Multiplication and division of rational expressions
 - D. Addition and subtraction of rational expressions
 - i. With the same denominator
 - ii. With unlike denominators
 - E. Simplify complex fractions
 - F. Solve rational equations
- IX. Introduction to Roots/Radicals
 - A. Evaluate roots of numbers
 - i. Find exact roots that result in rational numbers
 - ii. Approximate roots
 - iii. Identify when a root is not a real number
 - B. Evaluate roots of variables
 - i. Find roots of nonnegative variables raised to powers that are multiples of the index
 - C. Simplify radicals of numbers and variables
 - i. Use the product rule for radicals to write the given radical so that the radicand contains no factor to a power greater than or equal to the index
 - D. Products and quotients of radicals with the same index
 - E. Addition and subtraction of radicals
 - F. Pythagorean Theorem