**Target Students:** Students who have not demonstrated college readiness as defined by HB5 or have not demonstrated Level III: Advanced performance on the STAAR Algebra I End of Course. A high priority are those who either did not take Algebra II or those who made an overall grade of less than 75 in Algebra II. Student has credit for Algebra I and Geometry.

**Course Description:**Topics include real numbers, basic geometry, polynomials, factoring, linear equations, inequalities, quadratic equations, rational expressions, factoring techniques, radicals, algebraic fractions, complex numbers, graphing linear equations and inequalities, quadratic equations, systems of equations, graphing quadratic equations and an introduction to functions. Emphasis is placed on algebraic techniques, in order to successfully complete an entry-level college mathematics course. Calculator use is allowed in this course when indicated, including the departmental semester examination.

**Course Goal by Higher Education:**

* This course is recommended for students who have not demonstrated college readiness as defined by HB5.
* In particular, this course is intended to prepare students for the study of entry-level college mathematics.

**Additional Public Education Goals:**

* Students are prepared to enter post-secondary coursework or careers with no additional remediation in mathematics.
* Students manage their own learning through effective self-scheduling, self-monitoring, and effective peer study groups.

**Assessments, Course Grade & College Readiness:**

A student’s course grade will determine college readiness based on the following criteria:

* Assessments (formative and summative) will comprise 80% of the final course grade with no single assessment weighted over 20%.
* When re-testing any assessment, the assessment score is limited to a grade of 70.
* A comprehensive assessment will be given and account for at least 15% and no more than 20% of the final average.
* If a student receives a course grade of at least 75, then the student has demonstrated TSI compliance with Alamo Colleges and UTSA and will be eligible to enroll in an entry-level college mathematics course.
* If a student receives a course grade of 70 – 74, then the student will receive high school credit but will **not** demonstrate proficiency and will **not** demonstrate TSI compliance.

**Course Student Learning Outcomes & Learning Objectives:**

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| **Student Learning Outcomes** | **Learning Objectives** | **High School** **Equivalent**  |
| 1. Identify and apply properties of real numbers, and perform operations with numbers in various formats and number systems.
 | 1.1 Define and represent real numbers  | Algebra I |
| 1.2 Identify and use algebraic field properties. Add, subtract, multiply and divide real numbers and manipulate numerical expressions |
| 1.3 Simplifying square roots of numbers |
| 1. Demonstrate the ability to manipulate/simplify algebraic expressions, & classify/solve algebraic equations with appropriate techniques.
 | 2.1 Solve problems using equations and inequalities |
| 2.2 Simplify and evaluate numerical and algebraic expressions with integer exponents using Laws of Exponents |
| 3. Recognize, understand and analyze features of a function. | 3.1 Plot ordered pairs  |
| 3.2 Define a function and use function notation. Determine if a function exists given multiple representations |
| 3.3 Find rule of dependency between data sets |
| 3.4 Given a situation, identify the independent and dependent variables and determine if the situation is continuous or discrete |
| 3.5 Write, model and evaluate a function using function notation given a problem situation |
| 3.6 Identify domain, range and intercepts of functions |
| 4. Recognize, understand and analyze features of linear equations and inequalities. | 4.1 Graph linear equations & linear inequalities in two variables |
| 4.2 Find the slope of a line & write its equation |
| 4.3 Solve systems of linear equations in two variables including application |
| 5. Solve algebraic equations and inequalities involving rational expressions, radicals, quadratics, or absolute value.  | 5.1 Define absolute value, including form and notation |  Algebra II |
| 5.2 Use algebraic properties to simplify and solve absolute value expressions, equations and inequalities |
| 5.3 Evaluate absolute value expressions for given values |
| **Objectives 1.1 – 5.3 will be included on the semester 1 exam** |
| 5.4 Add, subtract, multiply and divide polynomials |
| 5.5 Factor polynomials including the techniques of the greatest common factor, grouping, difference of two squares and special trinomials |
| 5.6 Add, subtract, multiply and divide rational expressions |
| 5.7 Simplify complex fractions |
| 5.8 Solve equations involving rational expressions |
| 5.9 Simplify equations involving rational exponents and simplify radical expressions |
| 5.10 Add, subtract, multiply, divide expressions involving radicals and solve radical equations |
| 5.11 Add, subtract, multiply and divide complex numbers |
| 5.12 Solve quadratic equations by factoring, completing the square, quadratic formula and square root property |
| 1. Examine and interpret quadratic function graphs of equations and inequalities.
 | 6.1 Write quadratic functions and inequalities using function notation, including when given a problem situation |
| 6.2 Find domain, range, roots/zeros/solutions, intercepts, maximum, minimum, and increasing/decreasing intervals of a quadratic function and use them to graph and solve problems including those from a problem situation |
| 6.3 Determine value of a quadratic function using its graph or function evaluation |
| **Objectives 5.4 – 6.3 will be included on the semester 2 exam** |