

**CSKL 372 Course Outline as of Summer 2025****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: CSKL 372      Title: PRE-ALGEBRA  
 Full Title: Pre-Algebra  
 Last Reviewed: 1/25/2021

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.50	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.50	Lab Scheduled	2.00	6	Lab Scheduled	35.00
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	5.00		Contact Total	87.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 192.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Non-Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: CSKLS 372

**Catalog Description:**

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Recommended:

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Transfer Credit:

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:

<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Not Certificate/Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Simplify and evaluate arithmetic and algebraic expressions by using mathematical algorithms.
2. Translate words and phrases into mathematical expressions and equations.
3. Apply critical thinking strategies and math concepts to set up and solve pre-algebra and geometry problems.
4. Demonstrate fluency with appropriate mathematical terminology and symbols.
5. Solve linear equations with one variable.
6. Use academic literacy skills to improve studying and learning.

### **Objectives:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Use advanced computation skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with real numbers.
2. Solve complex word problems involving multiple operations.
3. Solve pre-algebra problems including simple linear equations with real numbers.
4. Use formulas to solve problems with common geometric shapes (perimeter, circumference, area and volume).
5. Use a scientific calculator for multiple operations, including square roots and scientific notation.
6. Identify support services for math offered in College Skills labs, Tutorial Center, and instructor's student consultation hours.
7. Apply study and test-taking techniques to course material and other college courses.

### **Topics and Scope:**

## I. Advanced Arithmetic Skills Development Without a Calculator

- A. The four basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) of positive whole numbers, fractions and decimals
- B. Order of operations (grouping symbols, exponents, multiplication and division, addition and subtraction)
- C. Conversions and comparisons of fractions, decimals, percents
- D. Translating words and phrases to set up and solve math expressions with positive numbers

## II. Rational Numbers

- A. Introduction to the number line, integers, rationals, absolute value, and inequalities
- B. Advanced skill development of the four basic operations as applied to the rational numbers without a calculator
- C. Order of operations
- D. Translating words and phrases to set up and solve math expressions with rational numbers

## III. Exponents

- A. Rules of exponents: zero exponent, product rule, quotient rule, negative exponents, power rule
- B. Use of scientific calculator
- C. Scientific notation
- D. Square roots
  - 1. Rational and irrational solutions
  - 2. Application of the Pythagorean Theorem
- E. Word problems involving exponents (exponential growth and decay)

## IV. Geometry

- A. Application of formulas to solve perimeter and area problems
  - 1. Four basic shapes (rectangle, square, triangle, and circle)
  - 2. Trapezoid and parallelogram
  - 3. Composite figures made from these shapes
- B. Application of formulas to solve volume problems
  - 1. Prisms, cubes, cylinders, cones, pyramids, rectangular solids, spheres
  - 2. Composite figures made from these shapes
- C. Solving word problems involving perimeter, area, and volume

## V. Algebra Expressions and Equations

- A. Introduction to algebraic vocabulary: variable, constant, term, coefficient, degree, expression, equation, polynomials
- B. Simplifying and evaluating algebraic expressions
- C. Solving linear equations
  - 1. Single-step equations (addition/subtraction or multiplication/division)
  - 2. Multi-step equations (addition/subtraction and multiplication/division)
  - 3. Equations with variables on both sides
  - 4. Equations with fractions, decimals, and percents

All sections are covered in the lecture and lab portions of the course.

### **Assignment:**

#### Lecture-Related Assignments:

- 1. Homework assignments (20 - 30)

2. Quizzes (15 - 25)
3. Unit tests (4 - 6)
4. Final exam

Lab-Related Assignments:

1. Lab and/or online assignments (30 - 60 problems per week)

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None

Writing  
0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Homework assignments, lab and/or online assignments

Problem solving  
20 - 40%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

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0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes, unit tests, final exam

Exams  
50 - 70%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Lecture and lab participation

Other Category  
0 - 20%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Pre-algebra for College Students. 2nd ed. Greaney, Matthew. Thomson Publishing. 2006 (classic)

Instructor prepared materials