# Prealgebra Part 2, Spring 2026

## (Part 1 was offered in Fall 2025)


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**TO REGISTER:** **https://xumath.org**

## WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MUCH?

**Term:** Jan 18, 2026 – June 4, 2026

**In-Person (at PolyEducation) and Virtual (live zoom) Lecture** (Teaching by Prof. Xu, helping by a TA for Q&A): 6:30pm-8:00pm (CT), Sun

**Live zoom Homework Solving:** 7:00pm-8:00pm (CT), Thu

**In-Person Address:** PolyEducation, 4116 W Spring Creek Parkway, Suite C500, Plano, TX 75024

**Format:**

- 20 1.5-hour in-person or live zoom lectures + 20 1-hour live zoom homework solving
- 18 homework assignments (to be graded) + 2 take-home exams (to be graded)

**Note:** A student can request the video of a class if the class has to be missed.

**Tuition:** **$930** (register by Nov 23, 2025), **$960** (register after Nov 23, 2025)

## WHO TEACHES?

**Dr. Sheng Xu:** Associate professor of math at Southern Methodist University

- Received Ph.D. from Cornell and did post-doc at Princeton and Cornell;
- Taught 12 different undergraduate and graduate math courses at SMU in past 19 years;
- Received Betty McKnight Speairs Endowed Teaching Excellence Award
- Recommended by K12 students and parents in anonymous testimonials on https://xumath.org/testimonial/
- Published an undergraduate textbook *Introduction to Scientific Computing with Matlab and Python Tutorials*, Taylor Francis, 2022

## COURSE INFO

**Syllabus, Sample Notes and Videos:** **https://xumath.org**

**Required Textbooks:**

- **[1]** Customized notes by Prof. Xu with reference to various books (available before each class)
- **[2]** R. Rusczyk, D. Patrick and R. Boppana, The art of Problem Solving (AoPS) Prealgebra

**References:**

- **[3]** Ron Larson et al., *Pre-algebra*, McDougal Littell

## TOPICS

- Integers; Powers with integer exponents
- Basics of number theory: Divisibility, Prime factorization, LCM and gcd
- Fractions; Rational numbers
- Decimal numbers; Scientific notation
- Variables; Expressions; Equations; Inequalities
- Ratios; Proportions; Percents; Rates
- Square Roots; Irrational numbers; Real numbers
- Counting; Probability
- Data; Statistics
- Basics of Euclidean geometry: Common shapes; Perimeter; Area
- Basics of analytical geometry: Cartesian coordinates; Graphs of equations