

MATH 132

Precalculus

Fall-2009

Textbook: Precalculus, 7th edition, by Larson and Hostetler

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Course Webpage: Homework assignments and other course related material will be posted on the course webpage. The address is

***** <http://faculty.umf.maine.edu/danielj/F2009/Math132.html> *****

Grading:

Worksheets: 20%

Quizzes: 20%

Exam #1: 15%

Exam #2: 15%

Final Exam: 30%

Total: 100%

90% = A- or better

80% = B- or better

70% = C- or better

60% = D- or better

Worksheets: There will be 12 worksheets done in class.

Quizzes: There will be 11 quizzes total and your lowest 2 quiz scores will be dropped.

Exams: There will be 2 in-class exams and a final exam. The final exam is cumulative.

The exam dates are as follows:

Exam #1 Thursday 10/15

Exam #2 Thursday 12/3

Final Exam TBD.

Calculators: You may use a calculator on the quizzes and the exams.

Email: You should have a U. Maine email account set up and check it reg-

ularly. From time to time you may receive class announcements via email.

Homework: Typically homework will be assigned on a daily basis. An important part of each homework assignment is reading the appropriate sections of the textbook. Do not neglect that part of the assignment. Read slowly and think carefully about the ideas and computations presented.

The usual rule of thumb is that you should expect to spend at least two hours working outside of class for each hour in class.

The homework exercises are not to hand in but do play an important role in learning the course material. Without doing the homework it will be very difficult for you to succeed on the quizzes and exams.

At the beginning of each class you will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the previous homework assignment.

Late Work: Late work will not be accepted under any circumstances. If you are going to miss an assignment (worksheet, quiz, or exam) due to an official university event or any other administratively excused absences, you need to provide me with proper documentation and make arrangements with me to make-up the work *prior* to the date of absence. All other missed assignments are unexcused and will count as a zero toward your grade.

Absences: The following is the university attendance policy:

The University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) subscribes to the policy that sound scholarship involves attendance at all classes. Students are expected to attend classes and are responsible for all class work whether they are present or absent. Instructors establish their own attendance policies, but they must recognize administrative excuses and must state the class attendance policy in writing before the end of the Add/Drop (schedule change) period. Students are permitted to leave a class meeting without penalty if the instructor does

not appear within ten minutes of the scheduled beginning of the class period and has not sent word that he or she will be late or made previous arrangements with the class.

You are expected to attend class. In the rare instance that you miss a class, you are still responsible for any material covered during that class. In this case, I suggest arranging to get notes from a fellow student.

Help: The best way to get help outside of class is to attend my office hours.

There is also the Math Clinic which provides tutoring. It is at 252 Main St. (Franklin Academic Center) and is open Monday Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00.

Students with disabilities: UMF is equal opportunity compliant. Students with disabilities should inform the instructor and contact

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(207) 778-7295 (voice) or (207) 778-7000 (TTY/TDD)