

SYLLABUS

Course : Math 132 - Precalculus
Time : MWF 8:00-9:05
Place : Ricker Addition 202
Text : *Precalculus* by Larson and Hostetler; 7th edition
Calculator : None required, but at least a scientific calculator recommended
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SCHEDULE:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:30	Math	Unavailable	Math	Research Time (Unavailable)	Math
8:30-9:05	132		132		132
9:05-9:15		Meet with			
9:15-10:00	Math	Research Asst	Math		Math
10:00-10:20	120		120		120
10:30-11:00		Office Hour			Office Hour
11:00-11:30					
11:30-11:45					
11:45-12:30	Meeting Time		Gym		Gym
12:30-1:15					
1:15-2:00	Office Hour	Office Hour			
2:00-2:25					
2:25-3:00	Math		Math		Math
3:00-3:30	352	Gym	352	352	

MATH CLINIC: A student peer-tutoring program is staffed by undergraduate students. Tutoring is available on a drop-in and individual appointment basis. Tutoring is offered in all undergraduate mathematics courses. The clinic is located in Franklin Hall room 117. The clinic webpage is <http://math-clinic.umf.maine.edu/> where you can find the hours of operation and more information about the clinic.

EXPECTATIONS: You are expected to attend every class and to pay attention to each lecture. I encourage you to think about the ideas being presented and to ask questions when you are confused about an idea. However, the classroom lecture is only an introduction to the material and is a small portion of the learning experience. You should read the text book and study your notes after each section. You are expected to do the assigned homework after each section to assist in your understanding of the material. I will collect and mark these assignments to give you some feedback as to your understanding of the material. You are encouraged to seek help outside of class. This help may come in the form of my office hours, use of the math clinic, supplemental instruction sessions, and/or use of a private tutor. How much (or little) of the above work that you do will determine how good (or bad) your grade will be.

GRADING: The final grade will be based on the accumulation of points from the following:

- Exams (45%):** There will be three 60-minute in-class exams. These are scheduled for 3/2, 3/28, and 4/29. Each exam will be worth 15% of your final grade.
- Quizzes (15%):** There will be quizzes once or twice per week. These quizzes may or may not be announced. Each quiz will consist of questions pertaining to the material from at least two class periods prior to the day of the quiz.

3. **Gateway Exam (15%):** There will be a 60-minute exam on algebra (tentatively scheduled for the week of 2/14). The exam will consist of 10 algebra questions. Each question will be graded as all-or-nothing (ie. no partial credit). You must receive a score of 80% to pass this exam. Any gateway exam that is not passed will receive a grade of zero, so the only scores you can obtain on the gateway exam are 0%, 80%, 90%, or 100%. You may take the test multiple times. All administrations of the exam will be in the math clinic (Franklin Hall room 117). You may take the exam once per week until the last day of classes on 5/6. No retests will be given during final exam week. You will take the exam in the math clinic, and once you finish the exam a tutor will grade your exam and go over any incorrect problems with you. You may not leave the math clinic with the exams (I will pass them back to you the following week). **You may NOT use any calculator on this exam.**
4. **Final Exam (25%):** There will be a cumulative final exam, scheduled for Monday, May 9 from 8:00 am until 10:00 am.
5. **Homework (Bonus):** Homework will be assigned at the conclusion of each section. Problems will be collected on 2/9, 2/18, 3/14, 3/23, 4/8, and 4/25. Each assignment will be worth a 2% bonus on the following exam (eg. the 3/14 assignment corresponds to the 3/28 exam). Each assignment must be neat, orderly, and submitted in a folder with pockets (not a binder with rings). Failure to submit a neat and orderly assignment in a folder will result in no bonus for the corresponding exam.
6. **Attendance (Bonus):** Attendance will be taken each class. Your attendance will be worth a 3% bonus on the following exam (you start with a clean slate after each exam). The bonus is as follows:
 - zero missed classes receives a 3% bonus
 - one missed class receives a 1% bonus
 - two or more missed classes receives no bonus

A student who arrives to class more than five minutes late will receive an “L” for attendance. Each “L” reduces your bonus by 1%.

MAKE-UP POLICY: No homework assignment will be accepted after class ends on the assigned due date. There will also be no excused absences from class under any circumstances. Make-up quizzes will not be given under any circumstances, and any missed quiz will receive a zero for a grade. At least one quiz grade will be dropped. As far as exams are concerned, if you have a conflict with one of the exam dates, then you must make arrangements with me ahead of time to re-schedule the exam (eg. if you are participating on a college sports team). If an unforeseen emergency arises, then you must contact me **IMMEDIATELY**. If you can provide documented proof of your emergency, then you will be given a make-up during final exam week. **YOU MUST HAVE DOCUMENTED PROOF TO RECEIVE A MAKE-UP EXAM.** Students are responsible for scheduling these make-ups prior to final exam week.

COURSE CONTENT: We will cover Chapters 1 through 5.

PLEASE TURN OFF ANY CELL PHONES OR PAGERS. The first offense will result in a warning. Any subsequent offense will result in lowering your final grade by one letter grade.

COMPUTERS, CELL PHONES, AND PAGERS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON DESKS DURING EXAMS OR QUIZZES. THE USE OF IPODS AND HEADPHONES OF ANY TYPE ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING EXAMS OR QUIZZES.

This syllabus is subject to change.