

Precalculus Advanced

Course expectations and policies



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Course Description

In this course, you will study various topics that include the following: right triangle trigonometry, trigonometric functions, conic sections, probability and statistics, parametric and polar equations, vectors, and much more. We will also engage in interactive activities and games, because believe it or not, learning Math is and should be FUN!! ☺

Materials

- Textbook: Precalculus Mathematics for Calculus (can leave text at home unless instructed otherwise)
- Math binder or folder
- Notebook
- Paper, pens, and pencils.
- A handheld TI-Nspire Calculator (TI-Nspire CX CAS, make sure it is CAS)

Attendance

In order to be successful in any math class, attendance and class participation at every class period is essential. Excessive tardies and absences will not be tolerated and may result in a lowering of the grade.

Work missed due to an excused absence may be made up as follows:

- One day for each day of excused absence to make up homework
- Tests and quizzes will be in the Testing Center (A342) for you to complete as soon as you are back at school

Unexcused absences will not guarantee makeup work.

Grading

Grades will be determined by a variety of assessments throughout the quarter such as homework, quizzes, tests, participation and in-class activities. The grade for the class will use total points, which means add up the points you received and divide by the total number of points. Most of your points will come from weekly quizzes and tests, though other assignments may be given.

Semester Work Grade

Tests	65% of semester work
Quizzes	30% of semester work
Homework	5% of semester work

Final Grade

Semester Work	80% of final grade
Final Exam	20% of final grade

Grades will regularly be posted on Schoology, which you may check at any time. I encourage everyone to be vigilant in checking his/her grade on Canvas should there be an error in entering the score, etc.

This is the grading scale for the course:

A	93.0-100%	B-	80.0-82.99%	D+	67.0-69.99%
A-	90.0-92.99%	C+	77.0-79.99%	D	63.0-66.99%
B+	87.0-89.99%	C	73.0-76.99%	D-	60.0-62.99%
B	83.0-86.99%	C-	70.0-72.99%	F	0-59.99%

Website/Learning Management System

For this course, we will use our Learning Management System, which is Schoology. All materials for the course including class notes, homework, solutions, review packets, etc. can be found on Schoology. Additionally, all grades will be posted on Schoology. Access Schoology at the following link: <https://lms.dist113.org>.

Communication

Communication will take place through messages on Schoology, emails, and reminders through the Remind app. It is like sending text messages without exchanging phone numbers. You need to check your email at least once a day after to school in case there are any last minute changes.

Homework

Homework will be assigned on a daily basis for practice. I believe homework and practice are the keys to success in any math class. Please complete each assignment on a separate, new piece of paper. Every homework assignment will be submitted on Schoology. Please see the handout "How do Students Submit Assignments" for instructions. The grade for each particular assignment may be a completion check based on what was submitted on Schoology or a homework quiz based on that assignment. You should expect to spend 30 minutes a day on homework.

Quizzes and Tests

Quizzes and unit tests will be the main form of summative assessments. Quizzes will generally be once a week, and cover material from the previous week. At the end of the semester, the lowest quiz will be dropped. Tests will take place at the end of each unit. If you are absent on a review day, you are still required to take the assessment on its scheduled day. If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz, you will be required to make up the assessment in the Testing Center (Room A342) the following day you are in school.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are not to be used in the classroom, unless you are using it for educational purposes, or it is a part of the activity. If you are caught using your phone, first you will receive a warning. Any subsequent offenses will result in a referral to the Dean's Office.

Additional Help

The following chart displays times when I am available for extra help in the Math Department office (Room A209). Additionally, The Learning Center (Room B203) is open every period with teachers and students to assist you. The Learning Center has a homework club afterschool Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with a math teacher ready to help. ☺

Giant Days (Mon, Tues, Fri)	
Period	Room
Before School	By appointment
1	Class
2	A209
3	A209
4	Class
5	Class
6	A209
7	A209
8	Class
9	Class
After School	By appointment

Blue Days (Wed)	
Period	Room
Collaboration	No
4	Class
2	A209 (not B)
8	Class
6	No
After School	No

White Days (Thurs)	
Period	Room
5	Class
1	Class
3	A209 (not B)
9	Class
7	By appointment
After School	By appointment

Let's have a great year!!! ☺

