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Basics

Prerequisites

Two years of high school algebra, or DSPM 0850.

Materials

- Scientific (or graphing) calculator for use on the homework
- *Precalculus : A Prelude to Calculus*, Axler, John Wiley & Sons (2009), ISBN-13 978-0470-41674-7

Website

All handouts, homework assignments, and class announcements (such as cancellation of class) will be posted daily on the course website. They will be available on the morning of the lecture and you are responsible for printing out your own copies prior to each class period.

Policies

Attendance

Attendance is crucial if you are to be prepared for exams. If absent, you are responsible for obtaining worked lecture notes **from another student**. Frequent tardiness is unacceptable.

Student Disabilities

If you have a disability that may require assistance or accommodations, please speak with me as soon as possible. You must contact the Student Disability Services Office (678-2880) to officially request such accommodations/services.

Noise

Personal conversations aside, I encourage everyone to ask questions and actively participate in the class. All electronic devices (cells, pagers, etc.) need to be turned off prior to class. The use of earphones during class is not permitted.

Quizzes and Exams

Calculators may not be used on quizzes/exams. **Make-ups will not be offered for any reason.** However, the score percentage of your final exam replaces that of your lowest exam and quiz.

Cheating

Dishonest academic conduct on an exam will result in an **irreplaceable zero**. No exceptions.

Curriculum

Textbook

This course uses a textbook not a reference book. You are expected to read every section covered:
 Sections 1.1 – 1.6, 2.1 – 2.6, 3.1 – 3.5, 4.1 – 4.5, 5.1 – 5.8, 6.1 – 6.6.

Homework

Problems will be assigned daily to be completed nightly. Homework is not to be turned in, but it is imperative that you work through each assignment if you're to be prepared for quizzes/exams.

Quizzes

Short (10-minute) quizzes will be given periodically (roughly 1 quiz per every 3 sections covered) through the semester. Problems will be taken from the corresponding sections' homework questions. Quizzes will be completed during the first 10 minutes of class.

Grading

There will be ten quizzes each worth 15 points, three exams each worth 100 points, and a comprehensive final exam worth 200 points. Final grades will be calculated according to the following point scale:

A+	630 – 650 points	A	585 – 629 points
B+	564 – 584 points	B	520 – 563 points
C+	499 – 519 points	C	455 – 498 points
D+	434 – 454 points	D	390 – 433 points
F	0 – 389 points		



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Struggling?

You are responsible for your grade

- Do your homework conscientiously or you probably won't pass.
- Do not wait until the end of the semester to start working hard or you probably won't pass.
- It is your responsibility to seek out additional help and to study as much as is necessary **for you**.

Ask Questions!

Don't be bashful – if you're having trouble, then other students probably are as well. If you're not comfortable asking questions during class, then come see me during office hours.

Find a supplemental source

The internet abounds with free resources to aid you in your journey through precalculus. For instance, video tutorials on algebra and trigonometry (and many other subjects) are available from www.khanacademy.org. Another great resource is Paul Dawkin's set of downloadable college algebra lecture notes available at <http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu>; it's very thorough with examples throughout.

Find a tutor

Sometimes all it takes to grasp a concept is to hear it explained in a slightly different fashion. Fortunately, the university provides a free tutoring service in the Math Learning Center in Dunn 143. The MLC is open Monday through Friday (check Dunn 143 for updated hours).

Important Dates

January 15 (F)	First day of class, common math errors discussed
January 18 (M)	– No class –
January 27 (W)	Last day to drop the course without receiving a "W"
March 8 (M)	– No class –
March 9 (T)	– No class –
March 10 (W)	– No class –
March 12 (F)	– No class –
March 19 (F)	Last day to withdraw from the course without receiving a "F"
April 28 (W)	Last day of class
April 30 (F)	Final Exam (8:00-10:00)