

Precalculus for AP MAT 3311 Spring 2020
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Office Hours:

Monday: 10 am – 10:50 am

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Friday: 10 am – 10:50 am

Also available afternoons

by appointment.

If my office door is open feel free to stop in!

Text: *PRECALCULUS* (Tenth Edition); by Sullivan; Pearson.

Also required: graphing calculator (TI-83+, TI-84, TI-Nspire, or similar preferred)

Course overview:

This course provides a thorough, careful study of basic Precalculus topics. Topics include linear and quadratic functions, polynomial functions, inequalities, graphs of functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, trigonometric functions and equations, and triangle trigonometry.

We will be covering all of chapters 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, and topics in chapter 10 in this second semester of the course.

Attendance:

You are required to attend every class session, in accordance with Indiana Academy attendance policies. I understand clocks can be a minute or two off, so I will grant leniency for the first few minutes of class, but at 5 or more minutes you are officially “Tardy” and after 15 minutes you are officially “Absent.” However, class time is very valuable, so I strongly encourage you to get to class no matter how late you may be. This will make your process of learning what was covered in class that day much easier. Sleeping in class will result in an unexcused absence without notice.

Evaluation:

In this course you will be given a homework assignment every night, frequent quizzes over the material covered the previous week, and a test every chapter. The quizzes will be short, around 20 points each, and will be very similar to homework questions. The tests are not cumulative in the sense that you will see questions directly from previous chapters, but math is a cumulative discipline so you may need to apply knowledge from previous chapters to help solve new problems. There will also be a final exam, it will be cumulative, and it will take place during finals week. For dates of tests please refer to the most recent version of the course schedule.

Grading Scheme:

Your grade in this course will be determined by the following percentage values. Remember that you EARN your grade; I do not give them out. If you want a better grade be proactive about getting more help, there are many resources available to you!

40% Tests

20% Quizzes

15% Homework

10% Participation

15% Final Exam

Letter grades are determined by:

93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
69 and below	D*

Make-up work Policy:

NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED. If you are absent (excused absence) on a PCAP class day it is your responsibility to get the work due that day turned in to me as soon as possible **and** before the next class meeting. My office is in your dormitory building so it should be simple enough for you to be able to bring that assignment to my office and leave it under my door. Alternatively, you can turn it in at the start of the next class you attend. If you will be missing a test you must contact me as soon as you know you will be missing it and schedule a time for you to take the test with me. **In the event of an unexcused absence or suspension, missed homework assignments, quizzes, test, etc. will NOT be accepted for credit** (except when missed work would fail the suspended student). Make-up quizzes, exams, etc. generally are not taken during class time.

Other policies:

Math requires note-taking. You cannot do that efficiently typing on your computer. So your laptops, cell phones, and other internet-ready devices should be closed/turned off, and put away, or flat on your desk being used as a notebook during class time unless given permission by the instructor for a specific class period. You **WILL** be expected to bring your graphing calculator to class every day, as well as your text book (or pictures of appropriate pages), both will be very useful.

Academic Integrity

I support and abide by the academic integrity policy as set forth in the Student Handbook. While you are encouraged to work together in this course at times, here are a few examples of behavior subject to review under the Academic Integrity policy:

- Copying someone's work and turning it in as one's own
- The use of aids or other materials on quizzes and exams without expressed permission
- The use of calculators when explicitly asked not to do so
- Copying another person's work or answers on a quiz or exam

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*The teacher reserves the right to change this syllabus as situations arise,
or add to it as needed.*