Math 141
PreCalculus I
Fall 2009

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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TIME AND LOCATION

Class sessions are in room 0242 from 10:30 to 11:20 every weekday except:
- Veteran's Day: Wednesday, November 11
- Advising Day: Wednesday, November 18
- Thanksgiving: November 23 - 27

REQUIRED MATERIAL

- The textbook is PreCalculus: A Concise Course, First Edition, by Larson/Hostetler
- A graphing calculator (one may be rented from WWCC for $15).
- Green engineering paper, which is available in the WWCC Bookstore.

PREREQUISITE

Math 95 or equivalent.

ATTENDANCE

Punctual attendance at every class session is expected. If you should miss a class, you are responsible for all announcements made concerning the course, for the material discussed in class, and for the homework assigned. The assignment will be posted on my website.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned and collected regularly. Assignments are due at the beginning of the class period and will be granted credit when appropriate as outlined below.

- All homework assignments will be done, in pencil (only), using green engineering paper.
- Each assignment will be worth 3 points, based on neatness and completion. You must show all supporting work.
- Assignments which are messy and unorganized will not receive credit.
- Complete assignments turned in one day late will be worth at most 2 points.
- Incomplete assignments turned in one day late are worth 0 points.
- Homework assignments will not be accepted more than one day late. However, your lowest three homework scores will be dropped at the end of the quarter.

HOMEWORK QUIZZES

Homework quizzes will be given throughout the course that must be completed in class. Questions will be taken from the assigned homework problems. The lowest three homework quiz scores will be dropped at the end of the quarter.
- **EXAMS**

  There will be 3 one-hour exams, and a comprehensive final exam. Each one-hour exam is worth 100 points. The final is worth 150 points. If a student is not able to be in class on the day an exam is scheduled and has notified the instructor before the exam, an alternate time will be scheduled for the student to take the exam. If a student misses an exam without contacting the instructor either in person, via email, or voicemail, then the student will receive a "0" on the missed exam. Please note that cell phones, headphones, computers, and sharing calculators are prohibited during exams.

- **COURSE GRADE**

  Course grade is based on a percentage of total points \( \left( \frac{\text{points earned}}{\text{points possible}} \right) \times 100 \) as follows:

  1. **A** = (93 - 100)% of total points.
  2. **A**− = (90 - 92.99)% of total points.
  3. **B+** = (87 - 89.99)% of total points.
  4. **B−** = (83 - 86.99)% of total points.
  5. **C+** = (77 - 79.99)% of total points.
  6. **C−** = (70 - 72.99)% of total points.
  7. **D+** = (67 - 69.99)% of total points.
  8. **D−** = (60 - 66.99)% of total points.
  9. **F** = (0 - 59.99)% of total points.
  10. **I** = Incomplete grade. will be given only if minimum of two thirds of course is completed and with permission of the instructor.
  11. **Z** = No credit. The student has not minimal course objectives due to extenuating circumstances (accident, illness, death in family, etc.). Instructor initiates this grade.

- **CELL PHONES**

  Cell phones are to be silenced before class begins and put away - vibrate mode is not acceptable. Cell phones should not be accessed during classtime. Text messaging is not allowed during class.

- **DISABILITY**

  If you have a disability and would like to request accommodations, please see the instructor after class or contact Claudia Angus, Coordinator of Disability Support Services, at 527 - 4262 or claudia.angus@wwcc.edu.

- **FINAL WORDS**

  If you have any difficulty with the course material, you are urged to get help from your instructor (Room 15A) or the Center for Academic success (east end of library). The Center for Academic Success is open from 7:30 - 4:00 Monday through Friday and from 1:00 - 5:00 Sunday.