

Syllabus for MA 110
Sections 005, 006, 007, and 008
Precalculus
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Course Web Page: <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~jrobbins/ma110/>

Homework Web Page: <http://www.webassign.net/>

Class Time and Location:

Lecture: (All Sections) MWF, 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm, Whitehall Classroom Building, CB 122

Recitation: (Section 005) TR, 11:00 am - 11:50 am, Whitehall Classroom Building, CB 207

Recitation: (Section 006) TR, 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm, Whitehall Classroom Building, CB 203

Recitation: (Section 007) TR, 2:00 pm - 2:50 pm, Chemistry Physics Building, CP 183

Recitation: (Section 008) TR, 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm, Whitehall Classroom Building, CB 205

Course Materials: You will need to purchase access to both the WebAssign homework system and the 5th edition of the book *Contemporary Precalculus: A Graphing Approach* by Thomas W. Hungerford and Douglas J. Shaw. The book is available as an e-book. You can purchase an access code for the **book and the homework** through the bookstore or online. When you enter your access code in your WebAssign account, you will have access to both the book and the homework through the WebAssign website.

You will also need to purchase a graphing calculator for this course. The calculator must conform to the calculator rules for the ACT. These rules can be found at

<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/answers/calculator.html>.

Specifically, you may not use any calculator that has a computer algebra system (CAS) or a QWERTY keyboard. In particular, you may **not** use the TI-Nspire CAS, any TI-89, any TI-92, the HP 48GII, any HP 40G, any HP 49G, any HP 50G, the Casio Algebra fx 2.0, the Casio ClassPad 300, the Casio ClassPad 330, or any Casio CFX-9970G.

In class, I will be using a TI-83. If you already own a graphing calculator that conforms to the ACT calculator rules, you do not need to purchase a TI-83. I do not personally know how to use any calculator other than the TI-83, so I may not be able to help you with the specifics of other calculators. Nevertheless, most graphing calculators have the same basic functions, and you should be able to learn about your calculator by reading the manual.

Course Objective: The goal of this course is to equip students with the problem solving techniques and discipline required to succeed in the Calculus sequence.

Overview of the Course: This course is designed to prepare students for the calculus sequence. We will discuss functions including linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions. We will discuss the relationship between equations and graphs. We will investigate the graphs of functions and conic sections. We will also discuss parametric equations and polar coordinates.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Recognize that the equation of a line can take many forms. In particular, there are times when point-slope form is more appropriate than slope intercept form and vice-versa.
- Describe the connection between the slope of a line and a rate of change.
- Solve equations algebraically.
- Use the graphical method to approximate solutions of an equation.
- Understand that the graphical method is only used to approximate the solutions of an equation.
- Understand the appropriate use of technology in solving mathematical problems.
- Convert a verbal problem description into a symbolic problem description.
- Understand the Cartesian Coordinate system.
- Recognize the relationship between the solutions of an equation and the graph of an equation.
- Recognize the graphs of functions including linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, step, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions.

- Know some fundamental trigonometric identities.
- Use fundamental trigonometric identities to prove other trigonometric identities.
- Recognize the equation of a conic section.
- Sketch the graph of an equation of a conic section.
- Understand the polar coordinate system.
- Sketch the graph of a polar equation.
- Utilize a variety of problem solving techniques to solve multistep problems.

Homework: You will have two types of homework in this course: online assignments and written assignments. You must check both the course website and the online homework system every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5:00 PM for new assignments.

All online assignments will be submitted through the WebAssign homework system by 5:00PM on the day they are due. The course website contains some instructions about the WebAssign homework system. All written assignments must be submitted to your teaching assistant at the beginning of recitation. If you are late to recitation or leave early, you will not receive credit for the written assignment.

Homework extensions are extremely rare. You must have a university excused absence even to apply for an extension. (See the Attendance section of this syllabus for information about excused absences.) Certain excused absences do not necessitate extensions. If you miss class because of a university sponsored trip, it is almost always possible to complete your homework assignments before you leave for the trip. No extensions will be granted for planned trips unless the assignment was not posted at least 24 hours before you left for your trip. If this is the case, please submit a request for an extension. There are two ways to submit a request for an extension. If you are requesting an extension for an online assignment, you can request an extension through WebAssign or you may submit a paper copy of the Extension Request Form to your instructor. If you are requesting an extension for a paper assignment, you must submit an Extension Request Form to your instructor. Extension Request Forms are available on the course website. If you miss class because of a serious illness or family emergency, please notify your instructor of your absence by email as soon as possible. It is almost always possible for students to do this before class. (If you do not have access to a computer, ask a friend to email your instructor.) As soon as you return to school, submit an Extension Request Form to your instructor.

Homework is worth 75 points in your final grade. To calculate your homework score, use the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Total number of homework points earned}}{\text{Total number of homework points possible}} \times 75 \text{ points}$$

Quizzes: You will be given at least ten pop quizzes during recitation. Each quiz is worth 5 points. If more than 10 quizzes are given, only the ten highest scores will count toward your final grade.

Attendance and Class Participation: Attendance and class participation accounts for 25 points of your final grade. In order to earn the points, you must sign the attendance sheet that will be passed around at the beginning of each lecture and each recitation. You must also remain engaged with the class material throughout the lecture or recitation. Your class participation grade will be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total number of participation points earned}}{\text{Total number of participation points possible}} \times 25 \text{ points}$$

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If you are late to class, if you leave class early, if you are disruptive, if you are sleeping, reading the newspaper, surfing the internet, texting, working on other homework, or for any other reason are not actively engaged in activities related to math class, you will not receive credit for participating in class that day.

Midterm Exams: We will have three midterm exams. These exams will be held in CB 102 from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM on 22 September 2009, 20 October 2009, and 17 November 2009. Each midterm exam is worth 75 points.

Final Exam: We will have a comprehensive final exam. The final exam will be held from 1:00pm-3:00pm in CB 122 on **Monday, 14 December 2009**. The course catalog says that this final exam will be held at night. This is an error. We will have the final exam at the regularly scheduled time for our class. The final exam will be worth 125 points.

Grading:

Homework	15%	75 points
Quizzes	10%	50 points
Attendance	5%	25 points
Exam 1	15%	75 points
Exam 2	15%	75 points
Exam 3	15%	75 points
Exam 4	25%	125 points

Your grade will be based on the following point system:

- A 450-500 points
- B 400-449 points
- C 350-399 points
- D 300-349 points
- E 0-299 points

Cheating: See UK's *Student Rights and Responsibilities* for a description of cheating, plagiarism, and the penalties for cheating and plagiarism. Cheating and Plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class.

In this class we will definitely see the advantage of technology, and I fully support the appropriate use of technology. Sometimes the line between appropriate use and inappropriate use can be a bit blurry, so I will try to provide some guidance in what follows. You may use calculators on exams, but **YOU MAY NOT PROGRAM INFORMATION INTO YOUR CALCULATOR THAT WILL HELP YOU WITH THE EXAM.** Moreover, the homework exists to improve your problem solving skills. Therefore, you may not search for solutions to homework problems online.

I believe that students can learn from each other, but there is also a time when each student must stand on his or her own two feet. You may work with other students to help you learn a concept, but it is important that you always step back and make sure that you can do all of your homework by yourself without the help of others, textbooks, or notes. These resources will not be available to you during the exams, so you should not rely on them when you submit your final answers for the homework. When you complete written assignments, you must always step away from any notes that you took while working with others and write the solution completely on your own. **Disability Accommodations:** If you have documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center (Room 2, Alumni Gym, 859 257 2754, email address jkarnes@email.uky.edu) for coordination of campus disability services available to students with disabilities.

Suggestions: Constructive suggestions for this course are welcome at any time. I welcome suggestions that will improve the course both this semester and in semesters to come. If you have any concerns, please bring them to my attention first. Further recourse is available through the office of the Department Ombud and the Department Chair. Both the Ombud and the Chair can be reached from the main office in POT 715.

Expectations: I expect that you will not only attend class, but that you will participate in class. I expect that you will be respectful of yourself and others. Please turn off your cell phones when you enter class. Please do not work on other classes during class. Please do not surf the internet during class. Please do not read the newspaper during class, work on Sudoku, etc. during class. Please do not talk or whisper during lecture unless the instructor has given you the floor. In a large lecture it is difficult for other students to hear if there are several little conversations taking place at the same time. If you do not respect yourself, other students, or the instructor during class, you may be asked to leave the class.