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MATH 2312.04E PRE-CALCULUS

COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2025

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

Textbook Required: Precalculus, 8th Edition, by Stewart, Redlin, and Watson. ISBN 978-0357753637. Parts or all of the following chapters will be covered: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11. We may occasionally cover other activities or projects, not in the text.

Webassign Access Required: Much of the homework will be assigned and graded via Webassign. You can access the course using the course key tamuc 7702 2524. You will need to purchase access within the first two weeks of the class.

Graphing calculator TI 83/TI 84 or equivalent is recommended. Calculators other than Texas Instruments calculators may be used, but calculators that solve problems for students, including but not limited to TI-Nspire, TI 89 or higher, Casio Prizm, Casio Touch, or higher are not allowed to be used for this class.

Course Description

In-depth combined study of algebra, trigonometric functions and their graphs; radian measurement; solution of triangles; identities; logarithmic and exponential functions; trigonometric equations; applications of trigonometry; conic sections and their graphs and other topics for calculus readiness.
Prerequisite: High school geometry and two years of high school algebra or Math 1314.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of properties of functions.
2. Recognize and apply algebraic and transcendental functions and solve related equations.

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3. Apply graphing techniques to algebraic and transcendental functions.
4. Compute the values of trigonometric functions for key angles in all quadrants of the unit circle measured in both degrees and radians.
5. Prove trigonometric identities.
6. Solve right and oblique triangles.

Core Objectives:

- *Critical Thinking:* Students will be able to analyze, evaluate, or solve problems when given a set of circumstances or data. This common core learning objective will be assessed on the final exam using key questions that will fulfill these objectives.
- *Communications:* In written, oral, and/or visual communication, East Texas A&M University students will communicate in a manner appropriate to audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure. This common core learning objective will be assessed using class activities or projects which involve class discussion.
- *Empirical and Quantitative Skills:* Students will be able to understand and utilize mathematical functions and empirical principles and processes. This common core learning objective will be assessed using in class discussion and projects, homework, and final exams.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students will need to check their campus email and MyLeo Online (D2L) regularly to stay informed of class announcements. Accessing MyLeo Online (D2L) each week is also mandatory to access assignments. Also required is the use of a cell phone camera or document scanner in order to submit digital copies of any paper assignments. Use of a graphing calculator (equivalent to a TI-84 or below) is not required, but is recommended.

Instructional Methods

Instruction will be delivered in class and on D2L through lectures, videos, demonstration and models, and some group work, based on time available.

When written work is required, you will need the ability to scan a document and save it as a PDF file and upload to the appropriate submission folder on D2L. There are a number of free scanner apps, like CamScanner, that can be used for this purpose. In addition, there is a scanner in the library that is available for student use.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance will be taken promptly at the start of each class. Thus, students will be expected to be seated and ready when class begins. Furthermore, students must be actively participating to receive credit for attendance that day. If you are part of an athletic, scholastic, or other group and must miss class, you may be excused only if the

absence is listed as an excused absence by the university. Please contact me ASAP about any such absences. If you have extenuating circumstances and miss any part of a week's assignments, please contact me ASAP. Extensions can be given in the case of university excused absences.

Study Time per Week

A general rule of thumb for how much time to spend each week for a class is two to three times the credit hours for the class. Hence, for a three-credit hour class, a good suggestion is to spend 6 to 9 hours each week working on assignments or studying the material.

Assessments

HOMEWORK: Homework will be assigned each week on the WebAssign course website.

QUIZZES: There will be quizzes given in class most weeks to measure student progress.

PROJECTS: Projects will be assigned to go further in depth with some of the materials. Instructions will be announced in class and posted to D2L.

EXAMS: Exams will be given in class during our scheduled class time. There will be three exams and a comprehensive final. An online video review and set of review questions will be provided before each exam. Partial credit is given only if the work neatly and clearly demonstrates progress toward the correct answer. No outside materials are permitted during exams. The only device allowed is an approved graphing or scientific calculator (such as a TI-83 or TI-84). An online video review and set of review questions will be provided before each exam. Partial credit on exams is given only if the work neatly and clearly demonstrates progress toward the correct answer.

No make-up exams may be given without prior notice of a university excused absence.

However, at the end of the semester, I will replace the lowest exam grade with the final exam grade if the final exam grade is higher.

FINAL EXAM

The final exam is mandatory. The comprehensive final exam will be given on Tuesday, May 6th, 1:15pm – 3:15pm. **Please make note of the special time and date!**

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GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%
B = 80%-89%
C = 70%-79%
D = 60%-69%
F = 59% or Below

Assessment methods will be weighted as follows

Homework	20%
Quizzes	10%
Projects	10%
Midterm Exams	40%
Final Exam	20%
TOTAL	100%

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

A computer algebra system will be used for some problem exploration, enhanced conceptual understanding, and to engage students as active participants in the learning process.

- **TI-83/84 or TI-89** calculator is highly recommended.
- **A printer** to print homework and tests is recommended.
- **D2L:** As a student enrolled at East Texas A&M University, you have access to D2L. You will obtain course materials through D2L, (MyLe APPs D2L). The course materials are only for this course. You cannot distribute the course materials without the permission of the instructor. You also have an email account via myLeo - all my emails sent from D2L (and all other university emails) will go to this account, so please be sure to check your email regularly.

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

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LMS Requirements:
https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements

LMS Browser Support:
https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:
https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu**.**

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport

Interaction with Instructor Statement

Student Academic Resources

Math Skills Center (MSC): Free tutoring service offered by the Mathematics department. It will be offered in an online format this summer, as courses in the D2L course management system. The MSC will be open

during their normal summer hours of Monday - Thursday, 10am - 2pm, and will offer tutoring through Calculus 1, with other courses optional to the tutor, depending on the tutor's experience and willingness to assist.

The TAMUC One Stop Shop - provides as many student resources as possible in one location.
http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/oneStopShop/

The TAMUC Academic Success Center provides academic resources to help you achieve academic success.
http://www.tamuc.edu/CampusLife/CampusServices/AcademicSuccessCenter/default.aspx

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.
http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:
https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01.
http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx

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http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf

Academic Integrity

Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03
Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form

http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf

AI use policy

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty
13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling

Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit **www.tamuc.edu/counsel**

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
East Texas A&M University
Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu
Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and East Texas A&M Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:
http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all East Texas A&M University campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week 1: 1.9, 2.6,
Week 2: 6.1, 6.2,
Week 3: 6.3, 6.4, 5.5.,
Week 4: 6.5, 6.6,
Week 5: Review and Test 1
Week 6: 5.1, 5.2,
Week 7: 5.3, 5.4,
Week 8: 7.1, 7.2,
Week 9: 7.3, 7.4, 7.5,
Week 10: Review and Test 2
Week 11: 8.1, 8.2,
Week 12: 8.3, 8.4,
Week 13: 11.1, 11.2,
Week 14: 11.3, 11.4
Week 15: Review and Test 3
Week 16: Review and study time no classes

This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated by email and in-class announcements.