MTH 121 – Precalculus I
Spring 2013

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by Stewart, Redlin, and Watson; Brooks/Cole 2012

Other: Coursepack of class notes available in the CRC

Course Prerequisite: MTH 101 with a C- or better or math placement test results.

Course Objectives:

◊ Lay the foundation for further study in mathematics at the college level.
◊ Apply the theory of real-valued functions to a wide variety of real-world applications.
◊ Develop analytical and mathematical reasoning skills.

Exams and Grading:

◊ Homework 15%  IMPORTANT: NO EXTRA CREDIT
◊ Exams 1/2/3/4  60% (each exam 15% or 20%***)
◊ Final 25%  May 8, 2013, 1–3

Homework:

◊ Homework may be done in groups (each student must hand in an assignment).
◊ Homework *may* be an in-class assignment. These can not be made up.
◊ Assigned problems are on a separate handout as well as on my webpage.
◊ Due dates will be announced in class.
◊ You *must* show your work to receive full credit (where applicable).
◊ **Late homework will be penalized/not accepted.**
  ◦ Homework will be considered late if not in my office by 3:30 on the due date unless prior arrangements have been made.
  ◦ Homework will be accepted until the assignment is returned to the class—but it will be penalized unless prior arrangements have been made.

Exams 1/2/3/4:

◊ Make-up exams will **not** be possible without prior arrangements—and the reason for missing an exam must be *compelling* and perhaps more importantly, *documented*. Exams taken after the scheduled date will be more difficult.
◊ Exams will resemble homework problems and problems done in class.
◊ ***The lowest exam 1/2/3/4 score will be dropped IF

\[(\text{homework average}) \times (\text{percentage of submitted assignments}) > 50\%\]
Final Exam:

◊ Will be cumulative.

General Philosophy/Attendance:

◊ College prepares you for a professional position.
◊ In the working world, you are responsible for your career and you are accountable for your decisions. For example, class attendance is expected (just as you are expected to go to work), but not required.

Important Dates:

- Last day to add a class: January 25, 2013
- First Exam: February 1, 2013 (subject to change)
- President’s Day, no class: February 18, 2013
- Second Exam: February 22, 2013 (subject to change)
- Spring Break: March 9–17, 2013
- Third Exam: March 22, 2013 (subject to change)
- Good Friday, no class: March 29, 2013
- Last day to withdraw: March 30, 2013
- Easter Monday, no class: April 1, 2013
- Fourth Exam: April 12, 2013 (subject to change)
- Final Exam: May 8, 2013, 1–3

Students with Disabilities:

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have a medical and/or safety concern to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.