Math 1250 PreCalculus Section 8
Syllabus – Fall 2016

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Meeting Times: Lecture Section 8: MWF 11:00-11:50 am in SCC 120
Discussions: T, Th
Sec 9 8am EduE 50
Sec 10 9am BohH 112
Sec 11 10am Chem 251
Sec 12 11am EduE 32
Sec 13 11am EduE 36
Sec 14 12pm Engr 280

Prerequisites: Math ACT 24 or higher or a grade of at least C- in Math 1005 or department consent

Text: Algebra and Trigonometry, 5th ed by Blitzer, Robert
Note: The bookstore has a custom loose leaf book bundled with MyMathLab which is also required

Calculators: A calculator may be useful at times. However, any calculator that is capable of symbolic manipulation will not be allowed. This includes the TI-89 and the TI-Nspire with CAS. See the instructor if you are unsure if your calculator is acceptable. You must show your work (thought process) for all problems, thus answers arrived at by calculator alone will be granted very few, if any, points. The instructor may limit the use of a calculator (or just a graphing calculator) on some or all quizzes and exams. Sharing a calculator during a quiz or an exam will be considered cheating and result in an immediate zero. A cell phone may not be used as a calculator during quizzes or exams.

Cell Phones: Cell phones and other communicating devices, including iPods are prohibited during class. Please inform me of any circumstance that may need special consideration. Having any communicating device out during a quiz or exam will be considered cheating and result in an immediate zero.

Homework: Homework problems and due dates will be posted on my website. Homework will be typically due by 5:00 pm on Thursdays unless otherwise notified. Homework should be turned in to your GTA or slid under his/her office door unless special arrangements have been made in advance. Homework must conform to the “HOMEWORK GUIDELINES”. Your solutions must show your thought process, not just the answer. Answers without supporting work will not receive full credit. Cooperation on assignments is encouraged, but copied assignments will not be tolerated and will receive a score of zero. You may not use any source that has the solutions to the assigned even-numbered exercises. The lowest homework score will be dropped at the end of the semester. Late homework will not be accepted.

MML: Online homework (MyMathLab) will be assigned once a week. Online Homework will be due before 11:59 pm on Monday. You are required to have access to a reliable internet connection during the semester in order to do this homework. The basic access student computer labs on campus can be found at http://www.d.umn.edu/itss/labs/. At the end of the semester, your lowest online homework score will be dropped. The online homework can be found at http://www.mymathlab.com/.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given during the last 20 minutes of class on most Tuesdays. The quizzes will typically cover the same material as the homework that was turned in the previous Thursday. The lowest quiz score will be dropped at the end of the semester. If you have a documented illness or University excused absence, a quiz may be made up if prior arrangements are made with your GTA.
Exams: There will be three exams and one final given during the semester. **Makeup exams are only allowed for a documented illness or University excused absence if prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.** Unless it is not possible, you must provide notice ahead of time to your instructor for the absence. **Oversleeping, poor preparation, slight colds, and cold weather are not valid excuses.** Arrangements for a makeup should be made as soon as you know you will miss. Do not wait for the next class.

**Tentative Dates:**
- Exam 1: Friday, September 23
- Exam 2: Friday, October 21
- Exam 3: Friday, December 2

**Final Exam:** Thursday, December 15 from 10:00-11:55 am

Grading:
- Homework: 15%
- Online Homework: 10%
- Quizzes: 10%
- Exams (3): 45%
- Comprehensive Final: 20%

If you have questions about any of the grading, please arrange to talk with me about it within a week of its return. I will use eGradebook to keep track of your scores. There is a link on my website. Please let me know as soon as possible if you find an error. Keep all homework, quizzes, and exams as proof of your scores.

**Grading Scale:**
- 93-100% A
- 83-86% B
- 73-76% C
- 60-66% D
- 90-92% A-
- 80-82% B-
- 70-72% C-
- Below 60% F
- 87-89% B+
- 77-79% C+
- 67-69% D+

**Integrity Policy:** Academic dishonesty is taken seriously by the University. Cheating on assignments or examinations, plagiarizing, or any other act which violates the rights of another student in academic work or that involves misrepresentation of your own work may result in a grade reduction on the assignment/quiz/test or a grade reduction in the class (including the possibility of failing the class). If a student is found responsible for academic dishonesty, a report is filed with the UMD student academic integrity officer and is considered a violation of the Student Conduct Code. The UMD Student Academic Integrity Policy can be found at [http://www.d.umn.edu/vcaa/StudentAcademicIntegrity.html](http://www.d.umn.edu/vcaa/StudentAcademicIntegrity.html). The policy outlines what is considered prohibited conduct.

**Conduct Code:** The instructor will enforce and students are expected to follow the University’s Student Conduct Code ([http://www.d.umn.edu/conduct/code/](http://www.d.umn.edu/conduct/code/)). Appropriate classroom conduct promotes an environment of academic achievement and integrity. **Disruptive classroom behavior that substantially or repeatedly interrupts either the instructor's ability to teach, or student learning, is prohibited.** Disruptive behavior includes inappropriate use of technology in the classroom. Examples include ringing cell phones, text-messaging, watching videos, playing computer games, emailing, or surfing the Internet on your computer instead of note-taking or other instructor-sanctioned activities.

**Students with disabilities:** It is the policy and practice of the University of Minnesota Duluth to create inclusive learning environments for all students, including students with disabilities. If there are aspects of this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or your ability to meet course requirements – such as time limited exams, inaccessible web content, or the use of non-captioned videos – please notify the instructor as soon as possible. You are also encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Resources to discuss and arrange reasonable accommodations. Please call 218-726-6130 or visit the DR website at [www.d.umn.edu/access](http://www.d.umn.edu/access) for more information.

**Mental Health Statement:** As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student’s ability to participate in daily activities. University of Minnesota services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the UMD Health Service Counseling website at [http://www.d.umn.edu/hlthserv/counseling/](http://www.d.umn.edu/hlthserv/counseling/)

**Tutoring Center:** In addition to my office hours, help is usually available M-F at the Tutoring Center on the second floor of the library. The website is [http://www.d.umn.edu/tutoring](http://www.d.umn.edu/tutoring).