

PRECALCULUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Equations and Inequalities, conic sections, polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric functions, graphing, root finding

REQUIRED TEXT: David Cohen, *Precalculus*, 3rd Edition, Brooks/Cole Publishing, 1998

ATTENDANCE: Students are expected to attend all class meetings, be on time, and be in class the entire class session. The only excused absences are those due to a school-related activity or a requirement to appear in court. Calling me to tell me you will be absent **does not** excuse you. **Three (3) absences** may result in a drop from the course. However, if you decide to drop the course, it is **your** responsibility to make the drop official in the Admissions and Records office or else possibly receive a grade of **F**.

Attendance Grade: Each student will begin the semester with **twenty (20)** attendance points. Each absence will result in the loss of four **(4)** attendance points, and each tardy will cost you two **(2)** points. If you are absent more than **five (5)** times, you will continue to lose points per absence or tardy, but now these points will be taken from other earned points, such as homework and tests. **If you leave class early you will lose two (2) attendance points!**

TARDIES: Students are expected to be on time. It is distracting, rude and unfair to fellow classmates and to the instructor when a student is late. **Two tardies will be counted as an absence.** You are responsible for telling me, **at the end of class**, that you were tardy. If you do not tell me of your tardy, you risk losing four attendance points (an absence) instead of just two points (a tardy).

HOMEWORK: An assignment sheet will be passed out at the beginning of each unit of study. All homework assignments will be due the next class meeting after the assignment was made and will be graded on completeness, neatness, and effort. Problems must be written out (except word problems) and **all work must be shown** in order to receive credit. Each assignment is worth 10 points. Homework turned in late (next class session) will receive a *maximum* of 5 points. Homework turned in later than one class session after the due date will receive no credit.

Note: If you are absent the day homework is collected your assignment will still be treated as late if you turn it in at the next class meeting.

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TESTS: Five tests, worth 100 points each, will be given. There are **NO MAKEUPS** for missed tests. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** *If you absolutely must be absent on the day of a test, you may discuss with me the possibility of taking the test early.*

FINAL EXAM: A two hour comprehensive final exam worth 100 points will be given at the end of the semester during finals week. This final exam is optional and may be used to replace a low-test score or a missed test. The final may **not** be used to replace the homework grade or attendance grade.

GRADING:

- All your homework scores will be added up and divided by the total possible homework points for the semester. This will give you a score between 1 and 100 for homework.
- All five of your test grades will be added up. This will give your total test score as a number between 1 and 500. [Remember: your final exam score can be used to replace a low or missed test.]
- Your homework score, test scores, and attendance grade will be added up and divided by 620 (total possible points for the semester). This will give what percentage of the total possible points you have earned this semester. Your grade will then be determined by the following grading scale:

<u>Percent of Total Possible</u>	<u>Grade</u>
89 - 100	A
78 - 88	B
65 - 77	C
55 - 64	D
0 - 54	F

Important Dates:

January 17, 2000 – Martin Luther King Holiday

January 28, 2000 – Last day to register or add a class

February 18 and 21, 2000 – President's Day Holidays

March 10, 2000 – Last day to drop

April 17 – 21, 2000 – Spring Break

FINAL EXAM DATE: Friday, May 19, 2000 1:00-3:00