

**MATH1113 – Precalculus  
Fall 2009**

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**or by appointment**

**Textbook:** Swokowski/Cole, *Precalculus: Functions and Graphs*, UGA Edition. It is highly recommended that you purchase a new, shrink-wrapped copy because it contains the access code you need to access WebAssign.

**WebAssign:** A majority of assignments (homework, web quizzes, and tests) will be done online, through WebAssign. Due dates for homework and web quizzes will typically be the day before the test. For this reason, I will not offer extensions on assignments. See the **Links** section below for the link to WebAssign.

**Homework:** The best way to *learn* mathematics is to *do* mathematics. Required homework assignments are found online on WebAssign. WebAssign homework is essential practice for Web Quizzes and Tests. I also highly recommend working additional problems from the textbook. In the final grade, I will drop your three lowest homework grades, so I will not offer make-up homework assignments.

**In-class Quizzes:** I will give roughly ten short quizzes throughout the semester. These exams will either be announced the lecture before the quiz or will be “pop” quizzes. In the final grade, I will drop your three lowest in-class quiz grades, so I will not offer make-up quizzes.

**Web Quizzes:** There are eleven Web Quizzes on WebAssign. In the final grade, I will drop your three lowest web quiz grades, so I will not offer make-up web quizzes.

**Tests:** Tests will be administered in Boyd GSRC rooms 220 and 324, outside of class time. You must register for a test time on the MATH1113 website, and you must present a photo ID at test time. Make-up tests will only be given in the case of *unavoidable absences* – and I must have written documentation in order to grant a make-up test. If your final exam grade is higher than your lowest test grade, then the final exam grade will replace that lowest test grade. The final exam will also be taken in Boyd on WebAssign. Test dates are the following:

Wed.	Fri.	Tues.	Mon.	Fri.
09/09	09/25	10/13	11/02	11/20

*Final Exams (Comprehensive): 12/10 – 12/16*

**Grading:** The grade breakdown is as follows:

Tests (12% each):	60%
Final Exam:	25%
In-class Quizzes:	7%
Online Web Quizzes:	5%
Online Homework:	3%

We will follow the plus-minus system of grading:

A:	92 – 100	C+:	77 – 78
A-:	89 – 91	C:	72 - 76
B+:	87 – 88	C-:	69 - 71
B:	82 – 86	D:	60 - 68
B-:	79 - 81	F:	<60

**Technology:** TI-83 or TI-84 calculators are strongly recommended. They will be allowed on some quizzes. On tests, a calculator will be available on the PC.

**Attendance:** Students are allowed no more than *three* unexcused absences from lecture. Upon a fourth unexcused absence, a student may be withdrawn from the course with a grade of WP or WF (definitely WF after the midpoint).

**Academic Accommodation:** If you have a documented (learning) disability, you should contact the Disability Resource Center, located in Clark Howell Hall. (<http://www.drc.uga.edu/about/welcomeletter.php>)

**Academic Honesty:** All academic work must meet the standards contained in *A Culture of Honesty* (<http://www.uga.edu/honesty> - there is a link to read the document). Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. This policy defends the academic integrity of all student work, and will be uniformly applied to all students in the class.

**Remarks:** I will not tolerate disruption during lecture. Please refrain from using cell phones (which should be turned off or on silent mode) during lecture. Also, I highly recommend that students do not bring computers to lecture. Typing mathematics can be a tedious process (so paper and pencil notes work best), and getting on the computer for checking your e-mail or your Facebook account is a distraction and is therefore not allowed. If I feel that a student is being disruptive, I reserve the right to expel him/her from the lecture.

### **Important Dates:**

- **08/20 (Th):** Drop period ends
- **08/21 (F):** Add period ends
- **09/07 (M):** Holiday (Labor Day)
- **10/22 (Th):** Withdrawal Deadline
- **10/30 (F):** Fall Break
- **11/23 – 27 (M - F):** Thanksgiving Break
- **12/08 (T):** Friday class schedule; last day of class

### **Links:**

- **WebAssign:** <http://webassign.net>. When you create your new account, be sure to use your MyID as your username, and enter your 810-number in the Student ID Number field.
- **MATH1113 Homepage:** <http://www.math.uga.edu/116/1113home.htm>. You will find lots of useful information here, so it is recommended that you go to this page as soon as possible.
- **My Homepage:** <http://www.math.uga.edu/~jdoyle/>. I will post the syllabus and other useful information specific to this class on my webpage.

***The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.***