

MATH 1113 Precalculus Syllabus

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Course Information & Materials:

- Required Textbook: PRECALCULUS, UGA Edition, by David Cohen, available at the University Bookstore.
- Math1113 Homepage: <http://www.math.uga.edu/1113/1113home.htm>
- JExam Software: Go to the Math 1113 Homepage, choose Practice Tests, Practice Test Software.
- Group: This class is in Group 2 for testing and homework purpose
- For computer labs on the campus and their operational hours, please check EITS Lab Sites Homepage. The web address is: <http://www.eits.uga.edu/sites/>
When using an EITS, JExam is located under 'Instructor Software'.
- For Tutoring: http://www.math.uga.edu/undergraduate/student_services.html

Class Homework:

- Every day I will assign homework problems that correspond with the problems you will see on your tests.
- While it is critical that you work on homework daily I will not collect all of these daily assignments. However I will answer questions about these assignments on the following class meeting.
- It is your own responsibility to do homework daily. The more you practice the better you may do in the tests.

Quizzes:

- In class quizzes will be worth 10% of your grade.
- Quizzes will be announced so there is no need for one to arbitrarily miss class on quiz days.
- Questions will be taken directly from the practice tests or similar to homework problems.
- **There will be no makeup quizzes given.**

Tests:

- There are 6 section tests in this class each worth 10% for a total of 60%.
- Tests are given on the computer on the program JEXAM in the computer lab at Boyd Graduate Studies Building Rooms 308 & 324.

- Tests are taken outside of class time and a picture ID is required.
- You have 75 minutes for each of the section tests. There are 12 questions on each test.
- The only calculator allowed in the section exams is the TI-30.
- You must register for a test time on the test date 1-5 days before the test (see the 1113 homepage for instructions). Tests are scheduled first come, first served.
- Lab Supervisor: Sam Bennett, 325A Boyd GSRC, 542-3074, sbennett@math.uga.edu

Tests Schedule:

Test1	Thursday, February 1
Test2	Tuesday, February 20
Test3	Wednesday, March 7
Test4	Friday, March 30
Test5	Friday, April 13
Test6	Thursday, April 26

Online Homework:

- Online homework is worth 5% of your grade.
- Online homework is done on JExam.
- There will be approximately 2 online homework assignments before each test.
- Deadlines for handing in online homework can be found on the course website under the heading of homework and will be announced in class.
- **Absolutely no late homework will be accepted.**

Final Exam:

- Date: Wednesday, April 28 to Tuesday, May 8.
- The final exam is worth 25% of your grade.
- You will have 3 hours for the final exam. There are 25 questions on the final exam.
- The sign up period for the final exam is April 16 – April 20. The exam is scheduled first come, first serve.

Attendance Policy:

Full participation in the course is essential to success in MATH1113 and is therefore greatly encouraged. Students are allowed no more than 5 absences both excused and unexcused. On the sixth absence the student may be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W or WF (definitely WF after the drop date). Do not regard these 5 allowed absences as “personal free days.” They are only to be used on the cases of illness or family emergencies. In some cases verification may be required. Any tardy more than half the class period will count as an absence. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure his/her presence is noted when a tardy has occurred.

Course Grading:

- Tests: 60% (10% each)
- Final: 25%
- In Class Quizzes: 10%
- Online Homework: 5%

The grades needed to get the various letter grades are:
A: 92-100 A-: 89-91 B+: 87-88 B: 82-86 B-: 79-81
C+: 77-78 C: 72-76 C-: 69-71 D: 60-68 F: <60

Important:

All students should check the course website regularly to see new announcements and check deadlines for online homework assignments.

WebCT is located on <http://webct.uga.edu>. Please check it regularly for new mail, calendar and discussion postings, and grade postings in the online grade book. I require that everyone in the class follow the calendar that I will build in WebCT. I will use WebCT to contact you with announcements, reminders and so forth. You may also email your classmates through the course, post discussion questions/comments, etc. Make the most of this great tool!

Academic Honesty:

All students are responsible for maintaining the highest standards of honesty and integrity in every phase of their academic careers. The penalties for academic dishonesty are severe and ignorance is not an acceptable defense. Students should pay particular attention to sections 5 and 7 of the academic honesty statement at: http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/culture_honesty.htm

How to Succeed:

- Attend and participate in all class meetings. This is your best chance to ask questions, and it is my best chance to gauge which areas are posing the most difficulty.
- An average student will need to spend 2-3 hours each night doing homework. This is an average: some will spend more and some will get by less. The key is not how much time you spend, but how well you can do the problem.
- Keep current with the material. Do homework problems on the day on which they are assigned. Also take the practice on JExam early and often since they are the best preparation for the actual tests. This course moves fast, if you get behind, you are unlikely to catch up. Do not wait until a couple days before the exam to begin the practice tests.
- Review the types of problems that you find difficult.
- Do not wait until the last minute to do the online homework.
- Get assistance as you need it. Please come visit me during office hours! That is what they are for. You can also email me or set up meeting outside of office hours. Or you can stop by the study hall to get the help from the math graduate students. For details, please visit the tutoring website.

Online Course Evaluation:

During the last week of classes, log on at <http://eval.franklin.uga.edu> using your UGA MyID to fill out evaluations. This process has complete anonymity

Changes to Syllabus:

I may need to make revisions to this syllabus as the course progresses. If the revisions are substantial, I will publish a revised syllabus to keep the class full informed.