

Course Syllabus

Math 141 Precalculus

Fall Semester, 2011

COURSE WEB SITE: <https://blackboard.sdsu.edu/webapps/login/>

HOMEWORK WEB SITE: <http://webwork.sdsu.edu/webwork2/math-141-busken/>

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 10-11am

Textbook: (Required) "College Algebra and Trigonometry: A Unit Circle Approach," Dugopolski, 5th ed.,
Isbn-13: 978-0-558-84182-9

We will cover the material from Chapters 1 through 6 and Sections 7.1 and 7.2.

You may use an older edition of the textbook if you like.

Prerequisite: Satisfaction of the Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) requirement.

Calculators: If a calculator is allowed on an in class exam, you will NOT be allowed to use the calculator on your phone. In addition, no graphing calculators will be allowed.

Course Description: Real numbers, inequalities; polynomials; rational, trigonometric, exponential and logarithmic functions; conic sections. Not open to students with credit in Mathematics 105 or 121 or 150.

Disability Support Services (DSS): SDSU recommends that students with disabilities discuss academic accommodations with their instructors during the first 2 weeks of class.

Attendance Policy: I will drop students who are not present in class on a regular basis. I will take attendance at every class meeting and expect you to be on time. If you are absent, were absent, or planning to be absent or late, please email me and let me know the reason for the absence (or late arrival).

- If you have more than four hours of unexcused absences, you will be dropped and receive a "W" or an "F" depending the date dropped.
- If you have more than eight hours of absences (combined excused & unexcused), you will be dropped from the course and receive a "W" or an "F" depending the date dropped.
- Arriving late or leaving early may be counted as an absence.

Exams: There will be three exams, I will NOT drop your lowest exam, and make up exams will be allowed *only if* you have the appropriate documentation: for example, a note from hospital staff on official hospital letterhead, an obituary, etc. Make up exams will be different than the exam given in class. **Cheating, of course, is forbidden.** There will always be multiple versions of an exam, in order to deter cheating. In addition, you are required to bring a legitimate copy of your identification: Red Id Card, Driver's License, etc. to every exam.

Final Exam Date: Saturday, December 10th, 3:30pm to 5:30pm, Room TBA

If you do not take the final, you may receive a failing grade

Grades: We will use the following grade scale:

WebWork Homework	10%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%
Final Exam	30%

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade (%)
A	85 - 100%
B+	82 - 84.9%
B	78 - 81.9%
B-	75 - 77.9%
C+	72 - 74.9%
C	68 - 71.9%
C-	65 - 67.9%
D+	60 - 64.9%
F	< 60%

Homework: Your homework will be due every Friday at 5pm, and is to be completed online at the Webwork homework web site. Your Webwork Log in is your last name, e.g., Potter, and your password is your red id, e.g. 123456789.

Your first homework assignment, due immediately, is the following:

- Log in to the Webwork homework server at <http://webwork.sdsu.edu/webwork2/math-141-busken/>, then click on the “Password/Email” option located at the left hand side of the page. The Webwork server will then ask you for your email address, and if you want to change your password, which I strongly recommend you do.
- **The assignment is to let the Webwork server know what your email address is.**
- In addition, if you are unable to successfully log in to the system, please email me right away, otherwise you will not be able to access and turn in your homework for credit!
- If you don’t update your email address right away, then you will, unfortunately, *not* receive critical emails from me in the future, because I send email through the Webwork server and not the Blackboard server! (Although I will be posting critical course information at the Blackboard course web site.)

Important Dates:

- September 8 Last day for faculty to drop students from classes.
- September 12 Last day to drop classes. (11:59 p.m. deadline.)
- September 14 Last day to add classes or change grading basis. (11:59 p.m. deadline.)
- September 14 Last day to officially withdraw from SDSU without penalty fee for fall semester 2011.