MATH 1113F – PreCalculus
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University Hall 330
MWF 11:00 – 11:50

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Course Description: A rigorous study of polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions, primarily intended to prepare science and mathematics majors for calculus.

Prerequisite: MATH 1111 (College Algebra) or placement.


Grading: There will be homework, three in-class exams, and a final exam. Additionally, 5% of your grade will be based on your attendance. All you need to do for that 5% is show up and sign the attendance record each class period. Homework is due at the end of the class period after it is assigned (for example, if assigned on Monday, it will be due at the end of Wednesday’s class) and will be graded based solely on evidence of effort. Exams will be graded not only on the correctness of your answers, but also on the work you show supporting that answer. Partial credit will be given. An answer given without supporting work will not receive full credit.

The weight each type of activity will count toward your final average is as follows:

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Final grades will be assigned as follows:

- ≥89.5 A
- 79.5 – 89.49 B
- 69.5 – 79.49 C
- 60 – 69.49 D
- < 60 F

Make-up Policy: There will be NO make ups of any assignment. Homework missed for an excused absence will not count against you. If you miss an in-class exam, your final exam grade will replace the missing exam. If you miss any assignment because of an unexcused absence, or because you did not turn it in on time, you will receive a zero for that assignment. If you do not know an absence is excused, assume it is not or ask me (in advance) if it can be excused. In order to excuse an absence for sickness, I will need a note. If the absence is for more than one class period, that note must be from a medical professional.

Attendance: Consistent attendance is expected and will be recorded. Anyone who misses more than five class meetings may be withdrawn from the course by the instructor. Also, please avoid distractions such as tardiness, leaving during class, bringing visitors, excessive talking, or cellular phone use. Engaging in these activities may negatively affect your classmates grades because they are distracted, so be courteous to them. Also, engaging in these behaviors may cost you points from your attendance score.

Final Exam Time: Thursday, May 5, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Location TBA. This is a common final exam so the time is DIFFERENT than what you would see by looking up the time and days of the class in the exam schedule.