

Prerequisite: Intermediate Algebra (MAT 137) with a “C” grade or better or appropriate placement through multiple-measures assessment process.

Text: Precalculus, by Coburn and Herdlick (ISBN 9780077431181)

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Course Description: This course is a thorough and rigorous algebra course, that strengthens the proficiency with algebraic skills and the conceptual understanding needed to be successful in the Calculus sequence. The topics include: sets, number line, graphing functions, polynomials, exponential, logarithmic and rational functions, rational exponents, conic sections, matrices, polynomial, exponential, logarithmic and radical equations, linear and quadratic inequalities, absolute value equations and inequalities and linear systems.

Course Content:

Chapter 1, 1.1 - 1.5

Number system. Mathematics as a Language.
 Rectangular coordinates 1.1
 Linear Equations and the Rate of Change 1.2
 Functions, Function Notation and the graph of the function 1.3
 Linear Functions 1.4
 Solving Linear Inequalities 1.5

Chapter 9, 9.1 - 9.2

Systems of Equations in 2 Variables 9.1
 Systems of Equations in 3, 4 ... n Variables 9. 2

Chapter 2, 2.1 - 2.6

Analyzing the Graph of a Function 2.1
 Toolbox Functions and Transformations 2.2
 Absolute value Functions, equations and inequalities 2.3
 Basic Rational Functions 2.4
 Variation and Applications 2.6

Chapter 3, 3.1 - 3.6

The Complex Numbers 3.1
 Solving Quadratic Equations 3.2
 Quadratic Functions and Applications 3.3

Quadratic Models 3.4

The Algebra of Functions 3.5

The Composition of Functions 3.6

Chapter 4, 4.1 - 4.6

Synthetic Division; The Remainder and Factor Theorems 4.1

The Zeros of Polynomials Functions 4.2

Graphing Polynomials Functions 4.3

Graphing Rational Functions 4.4

Additional Insights into Rational Inequalities 4.5

Polynomial and Rational inequalities 4.6

Chapter 9, 9.4 (best place to talk about this :)

Partial Fraction Decomposition 9.4

Chapter 5, 5.1 - 5.7

One-to-one and Inverse Functions 5.1

Exponential Functions and Graphs 5.2

Logarithmic Functions and Graphs 5.3

Properties of Logarithmic Functions 5.4

Solving Exponential and Logarithmic equations 5.5

Applications and Models 5.6 and 5.7

Course Objectives:

After the successful completion of the course the student must be able to:

1. Define Absolute Value, Find Distances on the Number Line, on the Coordinate Plane
2. Simplify Expressions with Rational Exponents, Write them in Radical Form, Simplify, Combine, Rationalize Radical Expressions
3. Solve Linear and Quadratic Inequalities, Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities, Express Answers in Interval Form
4. Perform Operations on Complex numbers, Conjugates, Represent Complex Numbers Graphically.

5. Perform Operations on Radical Expressions, Rational Exponents, Solve Radical Equations
6. Find the Domain and Range of Functions, Combine Functions, Identify Odd and Even functions, Graph Piece-wise Defined Functions, Find Compositions of Functions, Inverses, Transformations of Functions.
7. Find the Characteristics of Polynomial Functions, Solve Polynomial equations , Find Zeroes(roots) and X-intercepts of Polynomials, Apply the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, The Remainder and Factor Theorem, Analyze End Behavior
8. Graph Rational Functions, Find Vertical, Horizontal, Slant Asymptotes
9. Graph Exponential and Logarithmic Function, Use Properties of Exponentials and Logarithms, Solve Exponential and Logarithmic Equations
10. Solve Systems of Linear Equations in Several Variables and understand Matrices.
11. Apply partial fraction decomposition to rewrite a rational expression as a sum of its partial fractions.

Measurements Quizzes –30%, 2 tests, each test – 20%, and final exam – 30%.

Grade equivalents: A 93 – 100, A- 90 – 93, B+ 87 -89, B 83 – 86, B- 80 – 82, C+ 77 – 79, C 73 – 76, C- 70 – 72, D+ 67 – 69. D 63 – 66. D- 60 – 62, F below 60.

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