

OnRamps Precalculus Syllabus 2017-2018

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Welcome to OnRamps Precalculus. Please read the following information carefully. Precalculus will be a culmination of your mathematics knowledge and an enrichment of your understanding; it will be challenging. A strong background in algebra and geometry is a prerequisite; hard work and consistent practice is crucial for success. I look forward to working with each of you to ensure your success and enjoyment of mathematics, both now and in the future.

Class Calendar

The schedule for each grading period is on the course calendar, accessible through Google Classroom. The online calendar is subject to change.

Grades

30% Tests

40% Quizzes

20% Homework

10% Explorations

You should expect a quiz at least weekly. Homework is always due the following class period, unless I explicitly say otherwise in class or on my website. Most class handouts can be printed from my website as well as notes.

Late homework and explorations will be accepted one class period late for a maximum grade of a 70% and two class periods late for a maximum of a 50%. Late homework and explorations will not be accepted for credit after the unit test date, which can be found on the course calendar. If you are going to be absent for a UT exam, you must notify me ahead of time. You have one block day (A/B) after your absence to make up the test.

Retests are only allowed for a test in which you scored a grade of less than 70%. The maximum grade for any retest is a 70%. If you earn less than a 70% on the retest, the higher of your test grades will be taken.

If you wish to take advantage of a retest opportunity, the following requirements must be met:

1. You must attend one of my tutoring sessions to review missed concepts.
2. You must have completed all homework and explorations leading up to the test.

Cheating will not be tolerated. If a student is caught cheating on a quiz or test, a grade of zero will be assigned. Cheating on a UT unit exam is subject to disciplinary action by the university and your parents/guardians will be contacted.

Materials

- Computer everyday (school-provided or personal)
- Binder with dividers
 - You should have a section for each of the seven units
 - Notebook and graph paper
- TI-84 Calculators are provided in class, but you may bring your own
- Pencils

Teacher wish list:

- Four AAA batteries
- Box of tissues

Staying organized will ensure your success in this course.

Classroom Expectations

- 1) Respect others. Value our time together and do not engage in actions or conversations that detract from the learning environment. This course moves very quickly.
- 2) Computers/tablets will be permitted at teacher's discretion -- they are to remain at the top of your desk at all times unless the device is in use. Devices should not be a distraction.
- 3) Remember our purpose: learning and developing your critical thinking and math skills. Come to class ready to actively participate, which includes asking questions. Do not be afraid to contribute because you may have made a mistake. Mistakes are part of learning and actually help us form deeper understanding of mathematics.

Absences

The rules of the RRHS handbook apply for all absences. If you are absent for any reason, it is my expectation you return to class with a copy of your own notes, you have reviewed Apollo lesson(s), and you have attempted any homework, quizzes, and/or explorations.

This syllabus applies to Ms. Aguilera's course only. A separate syllabus will be provided online for students who wish to review the OnRamps program's syllabus.