Math 150 - Fall 2009

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Class Times and Locations:

Required Text:  Pre-Calculus, 1st ed., by Dr. Michael Stecher, TAMU. This is an online text and must be purchased via WebAssign according to the instructions found at http://www.math.tamu.edu/ehmwk/.

Other Required Materials: All students must purchase an access code for the online homework and online textbook according to the instructions found at http://www.math.tamu.edu/ehmwk/. The access code, which must be purchased online using a credit card, will cost $45 and will give you access to BOTH the online homework and the online textbook.

Catalog Title and Description:  (CREDIT 4.0) Functions, Trigonometry and Linear Systems. Graphs, functions, college algebra and trigonometry, linear systems and vectors. Note: A tentative schedule for this course, including the topics to be taught, can be found on my web page and is attached to this syllabus.

Email Policy:  Check your TAMU email account EVERY day. You are responsible for any information I send via email. If you send an email to me, be sure to include your full name and section number in the message. NOTE: Because of privacy rights, I cannot discuss grades via email or over the phone.

Cell Phone/Laptop Computer Policy: As a courtesy to me and your classmates, all cell phones and laptop computers (and other electronic devices) must be OFF and put away during lecture.

Grading Policy: Grades will be calculated according to the following percentages:

- Average of 3 Exams  54%  
- Online Homework  10%  
- Quizzes  10%  
- Comprehensive Final Exam  26%

A = 90-100%  
B = 80-89%  
C = 70-79%  
D = 60-69%  
F = below 60%

Note: Any questions regarding grading/scoring must be made within one week of the return of the exam or quiz or no change in the grade will be made.

Make-up Policy: No make-ups will be given without written evidence of an official University excused absence. (See University Student Rules.) According to Section 7.3 of the University Student Rules, for an absence to be considered excused,

the student must notify his or her instructor in writing (acknowledged e-mail message is acceptable) prior to the date of absence if such notification is feasible. In cases where advance notification is not feasible (e.g. accident or emergency) the student must provide notification by the end of the second working day after the absence. This notification should include an explanation of why notice could not be sent prior to the class.

If no such notice is given, the rights to a make-up are forfeited. In addition (and also in accordance with University Student Rules), a written excuse must be presented upon return to class. Specifically, in the case of illness or injury, students are required to obtain a confirmation note from a health care professional affirming date and time of a medical office visit regarding the illness or injury. I will NOT accept the Explanatory Statement for Absence from Class form as sufficient written documentation of an excused absence.

Exams: There will be three exams and a comprehensive final, tentatively scheduled as shown below. The three midterm exams will each be given in two parts. The multiple choice/non-calculator portion of the exam will be
given during recitation, and the work-out/with-calculator portion of the exam will be given during lecture. I will NOT curve test grades.

Tentative Exam Schedule

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<td>Exam 3</td>
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Final Exam

All Sections: Monday, Dec. 14, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Quizzes and Graded Homework: Announced and unannounced quizzes will be given throughout the semester during recitation and occasionally during class. Each quiz will be graded on a 10-point scale, and no make-up quizzes will be given without written verification of a University excused absence. Most graded homework assignments will be completed online in the WebAssign homework system, while others may be given in a traditional take-home fashion. Deadlines for online assignments will be clearly stated on the homework website, and I will announce them in class. Please go to http://www.webassign.net/tamu/login.html to log into WebAssign to complete the online homework. No late homework assignments will be accepted without written verification of a University excused absence. Your lowest quiz score and your lowest homework score will be dropped before calculating your quiz and homework averages.

Suggested Homework: I will expect you to work every problem in the online textbook. These problems will not be collected for a grade, but completing them is essential to doing well in the course.

Attendance: I STRONGLY suggest that you make every attempt to not miss a single day of lecture or recitation. Falling behind in this course can be very detrimental to your grade and can jeopardize your future in your major.

Calculators: The TI-83, TI-83 Plus, or TI-84 graphing calculator is required for this course. Use of any other calculator is not allowed, and the use of other calculators will not be discussed in class. Sharing calculators during quizzes and exams is strictly forbidden and is considered an act of scholastic dishonesty. All calculators will be reset before each exam–no exceptions.

Scholastic Dishonesty: You are encouraged to work together on the suggested homework problems, but do not copy another student’s work. Copying work done by others, either in class or out of class, is an act of scholastic dishonesty and will be prosecuted to the full extent allowed by University policy. Storing formulas or unauthorized programs in your calculator is also an act of scholastic dishonesty and will not be tolerated. Using or having an unapproved program or any formulas stored in your calculator during an exam will result in a zero on the exam. Always abide by the Aggie Code of Honor: An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do. Please refer to Honor Council Rules and Procedures at http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor for more information on academic integrity and scholastic dishonesty. I am a member of the Aggie Honor Council, so I take these matters very seriously.

Extra Help: Please feel free to ask questions in class. If you need more help, come by my office during office hours or make an appointment to see me. Also, you will attend recitation with a teaching assistant once per week. During these recitations, you will be able to ask the TA to explain homework problems and review any topics from lecture, so be sure to take advantage of this class time. The Math Department also offers help sessions, week-in-review sessions, and streaming videos for this course. The help sessions begin the second week of classes and have drop-in hours where you can get help with your homework or other problems. Check the “Help Sessions” link on my web page for the schedule. The Fall 2009 Math 150 Week-In-Reviews will start the second week of classes, will be held every week except for the weeks following exam weeks, and will cover the material taught in class the previous week. The schedule for the week-in-reviews, along with the practice problems that will be worked at the week-in-reviews, can be found on my website. You should print these problems and bring them with you to the review. Finally, a link to the streaming videos can be found on my Math 150 website.

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