



calculus i

math 172
5 credits
hertz 118
mtwhf - 1:00pm

text:

(2006). thomas, et.al. calculus, early transcendentals, 11th ed. new york: pearson- addison wesley.

description:

the ideas behind the calculus are among some great thoughts ever created by humanity --everyone with a college degree should have a semester or two. i say this not simply because i am a mathematician (everyone should have a semester or two of shakespeare, too :) there are two basic geometric questions behind it all: how does one find the slope of a tangent line to a given curve, and how does one find the area of a region that is bounded by a curve? sounds simple, doesn't it?

there are some links in the left sidebar of this page. take the time to explore what some people in other universities are interested in. there are other possibly useful links back at my [home page](#).

this quarter we will cover most of the following in our text:

- o ch. 1: brief review of a library of functions. sections 1.1-1.6 (this will be done rather quickly and mainly on your own. get to me with questions!)
- o ch. 2: limits and continuity sections 2.1-2.7
- o ch. 3: differentiation. sections 3.1-3.10
- o ch. 4: applications of derivatives. sections 4.1-4.8

check out the spring 2009 class calendar.

evaluation:

your grade will be determined by two midterms (30% ea.) and a final examination (40%). the first midterm will take place (and be graded) before the deadline for dropping the class. grades will be assigned on a 90%-80%-70%-60% scale. i do give A-'s, B-'s, and C-'s. occasionally, the lines between A-/B+, etc. are lowered, but **never** raised. in other words, if your average is 90% then you will receive some sort of an 'A.'

i collect selected homework assignments and we will have several unannounced, but straight-forward, quizzes to help you see where you stand regarding the content of the course.

if you have any questions or comments, feel free to come by my office or e-mail me at the address below

student learner outcomes

the most important things you learn in school are not going to be measurable, sorry in fact, the absolute best service a list of 'student learner outcomes' could possibly provide is as a random sample of behavioral objectives. that said, at the end of this course, you will have a reasonable facility (as measured by the evaluation procedures described above) in computing limits, identifying continuous and differentiable elementary functions, differentiating a variety of elementary functions, and applying the techniques of differentiation to several applied problems. By the way, the phrase *elementary functions* refers to polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions. the word 'elementary' should not be confused with 'simple.'

note

students with disabilities who wish to set up academic adjustments in this class should give me a copy of their confirmation of eligibility for

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else, by appointment,
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links:

- o [wikipedia entry](#) - all the news that's fit to print about sir isaac.
- o [history of mathematics web resources](#)
- o [where is your birthday in pi?](#)
- o [yoga and meditation techniques](#) - you may need it by the time we're done.
- o [short course in trigonometry](#) - you may wish to take this one before it's all over, too.
- o [javaslide](#) - fruit from the tree of worthless information.

the class should give me a copy of their confirmation of eligibility for academic adjustments from the disability support services office so that we can meet in order to discuss how the approved adjustments will be implemented in this class. students with disabilities without this form should contact the disability support services office, bouillon 205 or dssreceipt@cwu.edu or 963-2171 as soon as possible.

no, no, no!

no late assignments, no early tests, no late tests, no make-up tests (including finals ... be there).



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there's no place like home.