

**SYLLABUS**  
**Mathematics 153**  
*Pre-Calculus I*  
*Spring Quarter 2014*

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Textbook: Precalculus  
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9th Edition

**Please silence cell phones during class.**

It is assumed that you have successfully achieved **one** of the following: Successful completion of Math 100C, a score of 18 or better on the Intermediate Math Placement Test, or a score of 66 or better on the Compass Algebra Test.

Math 153 is a prerequisite for Math 154. Your attention in class and your utmost effort will greatly increase your chances of success in this class.

A **graphing calculator** will be necessary for this course (TI-82/83/84 preferred). You are not allowed to borrow a calculator during an exam. You are not allowed to use your phone calculator. Make sure you have one of your own and bring it to class. Some calculators are not allowed. If you have questions about whether yours is allowed or not, please check with me.

*If you have a request to allow for special learning needs, let me know as soon as possible. Students who have a copy of their "Confirmation of Eligibility for Academic Adjustments" from the Disability Support Services Office and wish to have adjustments in this course should provide me with a copy of the form and discuss their needs with me. Students with disabilities without this form may contact the Disability Support Services Office, Bouillon 140, [dssreceipt@cwu.edu](mailto:dssreceipt@cwu.edu), or 963-2171.*

Feel free to raise your hand for help during class, and as time permits I will answer your questions. If you need more time to clarify your question(s) please schedule an appointment. For the long term your **best bet** is to form a study group with some of your classmates and meet regularly during the week. Go over problems from the assignments and select your own for extra practice. Answers to selected exercises are in the back of your book. Use them to your advantage.

Assignments will be made on a regular basis in class. Please attempt all problems assigned since your future work will build on the ideas found in these exercises, your grade will depend on completion of all problems, and your understanding of the concepts will increase. If you miss class, notes and assignments can be found on BlackBoard.

There will be an unspecified number of **exit questions** during the quarter. They will not be announced ahead of time. Your worst two exit question scores will be dropped. The remaining exit question grades will equate to a 100-point exam grade.

There will be four exams during the quarter. They will be given on the following dates:

Exam #1: April 18  
Exam #2: May 2  
Exam #3: May 16  
Exam #4: May 30

Each exam will be worth 100 points. You may have one 3x5 note card for each exam.

The final exam will be on June 10 from 8-10 am. It will be worth 100 points and be comprehensive.

Your grade for the course will be based on the total number of points you earn divided by 600. No grade will be weighted.

**Assignments cannot be made up unless arrangements are made ahead of time.**

**Retain all graded work through the end of the quarter in case you have a disagreement on a score.**

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

A	93 – 100	C	73 – 76
A-	90 – 92	C-	70 – 72
B+	87 – 89	D+	67 – 69
B	83 – 86	D	63 – 66
B-	80 – 82	D-	60 – 62
C+	77 – 79		