

Central Washington University

Course title and number:

Math 153-003, Precalculus I

Course offered: Winter 2015.

Credits: 5 credit hours

Instructor contact information: Dr. Frank Underdown Jr.; Cell# 509-989-5533 (please, no call after 9:00 pm); email: Contact me through Canvas

Course time & place: MoTuWeThFr

10:00-10:50am, Bouillon Hall 111

Note: I will upload course materials to Canvas (Homework problems, solutions, etc. You will also be able to communicate with me via Canvas.

Office: Black Hall room 225-34

Office hours:

Textbook: Precalculus (Pkg w/ Mymathlab); Author: Sullivan; Pub: Pearson, ed. 9

Course Content: Polynomials, rational, logarithmic, and exponential functions with application to problems in mathematics and science.

Equipment: Scientific calculator and computer

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: A foundation course which stresses those algebraic and elementary function concepts together with the manipulative skills essential to the study of calculus.

PREREQUISITE: Prerequisites: either MATH 100C with a grade of C or higher; or a score of 18 or higher on the Intermediate Math Placement Test, or a score of 66 or higher on the Compass Algebra test.

Measurable learning objectives, At the end of the course students should be able to:

- 1) Graph linear, polynomial, exponential and logarithmic equations
- 2) Identify equations from graphs
- 3) Work with functions: Inverting, composing, multiplying and dividing functions
- 4) Represent and solve real world problems involving quadratic functions
- 5) Represent and solve real-world problems involving exponential growth and decay

This is the intended schedule for the class. Topics listed each day are the sections that are planned to

be discussed in class on that day. It is not unusual to be two or three days ahead or behind this schedule, but we will cover the material in this order.

Week 1: Review Numbers and Arithmetic

Week 2: Equations and Inequalities

Week 3: Working with Polynomials

Week 4: Factoring Polynomials

Week 5: Midterm Exam (take home) & Rational expressions and Strange Inequalities

Week 6: Functions

Week 7: Non-linear Functions and Equations

Week 8: Logarithmic Functions

Week 9: Exponential Functions

Week 10: Final Exam (Take home)

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Jan 6, 2015 Start of term	7	8	9
12 Week 2	13	14	15	16
19 Week 3 Holiday, no classes	20	21	22	23
26 Week 4	27	28 Faculty Development Day/Study dyt for students	29	30

Feb 2, 2015 Week 5	3	4	5	6
9 Week 6	10	11	12	13
16 Week 7 Holiday, no classes	17	18	19	20
23 Week 8	24	25	26	27
Mar 2, 2015 Week 9	3	4	5	6
9 Week 10	10	11	12	13 Classes end
16 **Final Exams**	17 **Final Exams**	18 **Final Exams**	19 **Final Exams**	20
23	24 Grades due 10:00pm deadline			

ASSESSMENT METHODS AND GRADING SCALE

Your grade will be based on the following:

Homework 25%

Midterm 37.5%

Final exam 37.5%

The grading scale follows:

Decimal	Percent age %	Decimal	Percent age %	Decimal	Percenta ge %
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4	95	2.8	83	1.6	71
3.9	94	2.7	82	1.5	70
3.8	93	2.6	81	1.4	69
3.7	92	2.5	80	1.3	68
3.6	91	2.4	79	1.2	67
3.5	90	2.3	78	1.1	66
3.4	89	2.2	77	1	65
3.3	88	2.1	76	0	<64
3.2	87	2	75		
3.1	86	1.9	74		
3	85	1.8	73		
2.9	84	1.7	72		

Attendance policy: You can attend or not attend at your own discretion. However, If you don't attend, you will not be able to pass the module test. **You will be responsible to turn in homework when due, and take exams on time.** Only if you have a pre-approved absence, or documented family/medical emergency will you be allowed to make up the work.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

As members of the Central Washington University learning community, students are not to engage in any form of academic dishonesty. Forms of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, grade tampering, and misuse of computers and other electronic technology. Students who engage in academic dishonesty may receive an academic penalty or a disciplinary penalty or both. The disciplinary consequences of engaging in any form of academic dishonesty include reprimand, probation, suspension, and dismissal. A student who knowingly helps or attempts to help another individual to violate the University's policy on academic honesty also may be subject to academic as well as disciplinary penalties.

EXAMS:

1) Work exams by yourself. Do NOT collaborate on exams. Any students who collaborate on the exam will receive a zero on the exam.

2) Do NOT go to the help center to get help working on your exams. The center has been instructed to take your exam if you do. Any students who use the help center to complete their exams, will receive a zero on the exam.

STUDENTS REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

Central Washington University provides reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities. Students who need course accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, should notify their instructors as soon as possible.