

Math 154-001

Pre-Calculus II

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Bouillon 144, 11:00 am Monday thru Friday
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Text: Pre-Calculus by Sullivan, You will be doing homework online, so make plans for using student computer labs or arrange other online access.

Final Exam: Tuesday, March 17 8:00 am **You must be there!**

This syllabus sets out my expectations for the classwork which will determine your grade. It is most important that you read and understand it. Ask questions if you need to. Keep it for reference. If you have special needs or requirements to facilitate your progress, or outside activities which will interfere with class, you need to make arrangements with me as soon as possible.

Homework: There will be both book assignments and online assignments. I will be using Webwork for the online assignments. The web site can be found at:

<http://webwork.math.cwu.edu/webwork2/Math154Odell/>

The book assignments will not be turned in. They are for you to practice what you are learning and for you to check your understanding. The online assignments will be graded based on completion.

Time: Expect to spend 10 hours per week outside of class to be successful (some may need more, some less . . .). You choose to succeed or not by how you spend your time and energy. The only way to gain the skills required for success in this class is through practice. It requires a LOT of time. Plan ahead and make sure you have time available. Homework is strictly YOUR responsibility. You are here because you choose to be. Lack of effort will result in a waste of YOUR time and money!

Expectations: The primary resource is class. BE THERE! TRULY THERE Uni-tasking! The lost art of doing one thing at a time, focusing, and doing it to the best of your ability. Turn off your phones, ipods, ipads, etc. during class. You have to show up, do your work, ask meaningful questions, and get help as needed in order to succeed. If you must be gone, you are responsible to find out what you have missed. See the front page of canvas for this class for a more thorough explanation of what it takes to be successful.

Resources: The textbook is a good resource. Another is your classmates. Group studying is recommended; study groups can be organized early on. A graphing calculator is required. Smart phone apps will not do, as you can not use a phone during quizzes and tests (hopefully for obvious reasons). A TI-83 Plus or TI-84 plus is recommended, as I can help with those, but other calculators are acceptable if you read your own manual.

Grading: There will be 3 exams and a Final Exam. There will also be an assortment of quizzes both in class and take home. The in class quizzes will be unannounced and there will be no make ups. Exams also cannot be made up except in extreme situations. I reserve the right to determine what is extreme. So don't even ask unless you have a completely unavoidable situation.