

Math 153: Pre-Calculus I — Winter 2022

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Class Information

Dates: 01/04/22 – 03/11/22
Time: 10 – 10:50 AM
Classroom: Samuelson Hall – Room 105
Final Exam: 03/15/22, 8 – 10 AM

Course Description

A continuation of Math 152, additional functions are investigated: polynomial functions, especially quadratic functions; inverse and radical functions; rational functions; exponential and logarithmic functions.

We will cover the following chapters and sections of the textbooks:

College Algebra

- Chapter 1 – Prerequisites (1.2–1.6)
- Chapter 2 – Equations and Inequalities (2.2, 2.5, 2.6)

Precalculus – An Investigation of Functions

- Section 1.5 – Transformation of Functions
- Chapter 3 – Polynomial and Rational Functions
- Chapter 4 – Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

Textbook

We will be using parts of two OER (open education resource) textbooks for this course:

1. *Precalculus – An Investigation of Functions*, by Lippman and Rasmussen

2. *College Algebra*, by Abramson

Since these are OER textbooks, they are free to download, there is no need to purchase.

A scientific calculator is required.

Grading

Your final grade will be based on the following:

Exams	Final	Homework	Group Work
40%	20%	35%	5%

To pass the course and advance to future coursework, you must score at least a C, that is, 73% or better in the coursework.

93 – 100	90 – 92	88 – 89	83 – 87	80 – 82	78 – 79	73 – 77	70 – 72	Below 70
A	A–	B+	B	B–	C+	C	C–	D or F

Class Attendance

Attendance will not be taken but there will be group work during class time worth 5% of your final grade that can not be made up.

Homework

Homework will be assigned and completed on our Canvas page and accounts for 35% of your final grade. You may extend the due time by 24 hours for a homework section by electing to use one of your **five late pass allowances** at the Canvas homework tool.

Exams

There are four exams worth a total of 40% of your final course grade. **The lowest exam grade will be dropped.** If you miss an exam, you may take the exam with a valid excuse or with prior permission. This must be done within a week of the missed exam.

The exams will cover the following chapters and sections:

- Exam 1 – Chapters 1 and 2 (Prerequisites, Equations and Inequalities)
- Exam 2 – Chapter 3 (Polynomial and Rational Functions, Sections 3.1–3.6)
- Exam 3 – Chapter 3 (Sections 3.7–3.8), Chapter 4 (Sections 4.1–4.2)
- Exam 4 – Chapter 4 (Sections 4.3–4.7)

The final exam is comprehensive and counts for 20% of your grade.

COVID-19 and Masking

In accordance with [Proclamation 21.14.1](#), CWU has chosen to make vaccinations a priority this fall. We believe a fully vaccinated community is the best way to protect our individual and collective health and safety. **Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 will be required by January 31, 2022** for all employees and students. Medical and/or religious accommodation requests will be considered. All employees and students are required to wear cloth face masks while indoors.

Getting Help

To get help in understanding the material in this course, schedule a time to meet with me in person during office hours or on Zoom outside office hours.

The Academic Success Center also provides tutoring. Schedule an appointment at cwu.edu/asc.

Important Dates

The exams are tentatively scheduled for the dates shown below:

- **January 10** – Last day to add or drop the class
- **January 17** – No class (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- **January 21** – Exam 1
- **February 8** – Exam 2
- **February 18** – Uncontested withdrawal deadline
- **February 21** – No class (Presidents Day)
- **February 24** – Exam 3
- **March 11** – Exam 4
- **March 15** – Final Exam

Academic Honesty and Inclusiveness

Consult university policies CWUP 5-90-040(22), CWUR 2-90-040(22), and WAC 106-125-020 for student conduct, cheating, plagiarism, and other academic expectations. CWU's policies and recommendations for academic misconduct will be followed, leading to disciplinary action up to and including failing the course.

CWU expects every member of the university community to contribute to an inclusive and respectful classroom culture.

Students with Disabilities

Central Washington University is committed to creating a learning environment that meets the needs of its diverse student body. If you anticipate or experience any barriers to learning, discuss your concerns with your instructor. Students with disabilities should contact Disability Services to discuss a range of options to removing barriers, including accommodations. Student Disability Services is located in Hogue 126. Call (509) 963 – 2214 or email ds@cwu.edu for more information.

Faith/Tradition Observances Policy

In compliance with RCW 28B.137.010, Central Washington University makes every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. Students must present written notice to their instructor within the first two weeks of class listing the specific dates on which accommodations are required. Contact the Dean of Student Success at (509) 963 – 1515 for further information or questions.