

Course Syllabus

MTH 113, Pre-Calculus Trigonometry (Lecture-Based)

1. INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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2. COURSE DETAIL

a. Course Name, Number, and Hrs: **MTH 113 Pre-Calculus Trigonometry - 3 Semester Credit Hrs**

b. Section and Reference / Synonym: **Section 400, CRN # 3490**

c. Class meeting time: **Tues / Thurs @ 5:30pm – 6:45pm, Room 1307**

d. Textbook: **Precalculus, 5th edition, by Robert Blitzer; Pearson, 2014**

(Chapters 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10; see Topic Outline for sections covered.)

e. Course Objectives: The objective of this course is to provide an understanding of concepts, develop competent skills, and demonstrate applications in the following areas:

- i. Circular and right triangle approaches to trigonometry
- ii. Vectors
- iii. Complex numbers and their relationship with trigonometry and vectors
- iv. Polar coordinates and polar graphs

While building on the manipulative skills from algebra, this course strives to develop analytic skills as a preparation for further mathematical applications or courses in mathematics requiring knowledge of trigonometric functions.

3. COURSE SUPPORT MATERIALS

a. **MyMathLab** is the software used for this course. Homework assignments and other instructional tools are available via this web-based structure (videos, HW helps, etc.)

b. Library and LRC resources and services are accessible on-line at <http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib>

c. Online resources (especially if missing class) at <http://www.khanacademy.org>

4. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Instructional methods may include, but not be limited to lectures (with handouts), class discussions, and computer-generated material. The facilities of the Mathematics Learning Center may be utilized.

MyMathLab is the software used for this course. Students must complete the homework using this web-based software. Chapter exams, sample exams, and/or quizzes will likely be paper-based.

5. WITHDRAWAL POLICY

If a student has excessive absences or is likely to earn a grade of F, he/she is encouraged to withdraw from the course after consulting with the instructor. **Failure to officially withdraw from the course could result in a grade of F and adversely impact financial aid.** Withdrawing from a course is the responsibility of the student; therefore, a grade of F will not be changed to a grade of W. A student may withdraw through the final drop day which is Wednesday, **November 15** for this semester.

	CHAPTER 4 TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS
8/22	4.1 Angles and Radian Measure
8/24	4.2 Trigonometric Functions: The Unit Circle
8/29	4.3 Right Triangle Trigonometry
8/31	4.4 Trigonometric Functions of Any Angle
9/5	4.5 Graphs of Sine and Cosine Functions
9/7	4.6 Graphs of Other Trigonometric Functions
9/12	4.7 Inverse Trigonometric Functions
9/14	4.8 Applications of Trigonometric Functions
9/19	TEST
	CHAPTER 5 ANALYTIC TRIGONOMETRY
9/21	5.1 Verifying Trigonometric Identities
9/26	5.2 Sum and Difference Formulas
9/28	5.3 Double-Angle, Power-Reducing, and Half-Angle Formulas
10/3	5.4 Product-to-Sum and Sum-to-Product Formulas
10/5	5.5 Trigonometric Equations
10/10	TEST
	CHAPTER 6 ADDITIONAL TOPICS IN TRIGONOMETRY
10/12	6.1 The Law of Sines
10/17	6.2 The Law of Cosines
10/19	6.3 Polar Coordinates
10/24	6.4 Graphs of Polar Equations *
10/26	6.5 Complex Numbers in Polar Form; DeMoivre's Theorem
10/31	6.6 Vectors
11/2	6.7 The Dot Product
11/7	TEST
	CHAPTER 9 CONIC SECTIONS AND ANALYTIC GEOMETRY
11/9	9.1 The Ellipse
11/14	9.2 The Hyperbola
11/16	9.3 The Parabola
11/21	9.5 Parametric Equations
11/28	9.4 Rotation of Axes
	9.6 Conic Sections in Polar Coordinates
	CHAPTER 8 MATRICES AND DETERMINANTS *
	CHAPTER 10 SEQUENCES, INDUCTION, AND PROBABILITY *
	FINAL EXAM

* = If time permits...

6. ONLINE HOMEWORK POLICIES

Online homework is a **required** portion of this course and **MUST** be completed for each chapter. All sections of online homework for a given chapter **MUST be completed prior to (or on the date of) the test for that chapter** with a grade of 70% or better (on EACH section). For example, if your test on chapter 4 is on September 20, then when I download HW grades the morning after the test, you will need to have a grade of 70% or better on **each individual section** from chapter 4 (sections 4.1 – 4.8) to avoid penalty. Keep in mind that even if you are absent on the day of the test, you still **MUST** have the homework completed by the date of the test to avoid penalty (– 3 points on your test grade).

Also, as a bonus, those who complete **each individual section** of a given chapter's online HW with a 100% grade will be given + 5 points to their grade for that test (good bonus – half a letter grade).

7. GRADING PLAN

Chapter Tests – 35%
 Online Homework – 15%
 Quizzes – 32%
 Final Exam – 18%

8. GRADE SCALE

A – Excellent	(90% – 100%)
B – Good	(80% – 89%)
C – Average	(70% – 79%)
D – Poor	(60% – 69%)
F – Failure	(Below 60%)

9. OTHER ASSIGNMENT INFO

The final exam for this course will cover all material (comprehensive) with a bigger portion of the exam concentrated on the material in the last chapter. Along with online homework assignments, I will also try to provide some extra credit application exercises. These exercises are supposed to be fun / interesting and help introduce some real-world applications of trigonometry. They may involve some self-study outside of class but will be taken up as extra credit on quizzes / tests.

Tentative Test Dates:

Test 1 – Sections 4.1-4.8: Thursday, September 17

Test 2 – Sections 5.1-5.5: Tuesday, October 13

Test 3 – Sections 6.1-6.7: Tuesday, November 10

Final Exam (Not As Tentative): Thursday, December 8

Holidays for the semester. The school will be closed and class cancelled on the following dates:

Thanksgiving Break – November 23 – 27 (Tuesday Nov. 24 and Thursday Nov. 26 for this class)

10. DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF FINAL EXAM

Thursday, December 7 @ 5:30 pm – 7:30pm (same classroom)

11. ATTENDANCE POLICY

The maximum number of absences for this course is 7 or 4-consecutive

Attendance is taken for each class meeting. Absences are counted beginning with the first class meeting after the student registers; however, students are responsible for all coursework and assignments made or due from the first day of class. In general, students should have no more than seven absences for a 15-week term. Furthermore, any student missing 5 or more classes in a row **will not pass the course**. Communication with the instructor concerning absences is essential. If a student has excessive absences, he/she is encouraged to withdraw from the course after consulting with the instructor. ***Failure to officially withdraw from the course could result in a grade of F and adversely impact financial aid.*** Withdrawing from a course is the responsibility of the student; therefore, a grade of F will not be changed to a grade of W.

Military personnel who are involuntarily called to active duty for unscheduled and/or emergency situations and those individuals called for jury duty will be excused with official documentation. College-related events which the student is required to attend by the club sponsor and which have been approved by the appropriate Dean, will also be excused. Official documentation will be required.

If a student registers during the drop/add period, attendance is counted from the first class meeting following registration. ***I will also award minor extra credit for attendance*** (likely credit will be + 3 pts. on final grade for students that missed 0 times, + 2 pts. for those missing 1 time, +1 for those missing twice => includes unexcused or excused absences).

Please contact me before class if you expect to miss class (unless a last-minute or emergency situation arises). Students are responsible for activities missed during any absence, whether excused or unexcused, and make-up work will be governed by the instructor as stated below. It is the **student's responsibility** to keep a record of his/her absences and to understand specific policies detailed in each course syllabus.

12. MAKEUP POLICY/HOW TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK

Please contact me as soon as possible before missing class (or as soon as possible after class) in order to make up missed work / tests. If you miss a **test** (also counted as an absence), you must complete the test **within 1 week** (don't forget that online HW is still due on the day the test is given in class to avoid penalty). Make-up tests will be administered in the testing center (Huntsville), and you will need to bring your student ID. The testing center hours are typically Mon-Thurs 10-5:30.

Quizzes (which will be shorter and of which the lowest grade will be dropped) will only be made up on class days (before or after class) and follow similar guidelines.

16. COMMUNICATION

Calhoun Community College will communicate campus-wide information via SPACE student e-mail. This is the official method that you will receive information related to your enrollment at Calhoun. You have a SPACE e-mail account, which you can access from www.calhoun.edu. Your username is your "C" number. Your initial password is cal and the last 5 digits of your "C" number. You will be prompted to change the password. Your email address will be your first initial + last name + last 5 digits of your "C" number@calhoun.edu (Example: jsmith23456@calhoun.edu)

17. CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

Cheating and plagiarism are considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct. These violations are subject to disciplinary action by the College up to, and including, dismissal. Please refer to the Student Handbook, page 16, for the definitions of cheating and plagiarism. The Student Code of Conduct can be found in the Student Handbook. It is available at www.calhoun.edu. Please click on Catalog under the Quick Links section in the upper right hand corner.

18. GENERAL COMMENTS BY INSTRUCTOR

1. Mobile phones (and laptop / tablet) should be turned to "silent" or "vibrate" during class and put away.
2. The Mathematics Lab is located on the Main Floor in Room 133. The purpose of the Mathematics Lab is to provide free tutoring and to assist mathematics students with class, lab, and homework assignments. The staffed hours of the Lab may vary from semester to semester but are supposed to be from 9-9 Mon-Thurs (and 8-12 Sat morning).
3. Food / Drinks are allowed in class in which case they do not create a problem for others or disrupt the class. This policy may be revised if necessary.
4. Please try not to be late for class. If I can make it on time, I expect you can as well. I know it may be hard for some of us to get here after work, but the earlier we get started, the earlier we get out. *If tardiness becomes a problem, I will be forced to mark students absent for repeat offenses.*
5. Please try not to leave class early unless absolutely necessary. I hope to avoid the distraction of students leaving during normal class time. If a situation arises in which you have to leave early, please inform me before class and try to sit close to the door so as to minimize distraction. *If leaving early becomes a problem, I will be forced to mark students absent for repeat offenses.*
6. Expect regular quizzes. I will drop your lowest quiz grade (not test grade), but you can reasonably expect a quiz every week (if a chapter test is not given that week). Quizzes are typically short and will only take a small portion of class time.

THIS SYLLABUS IS EFFECTIVE FALL SEMESTER, 2017