

MATH 171/171A FIRST DAY HANDOUT

COURSE TITLE: Precalculus Algebra **INSTRUCTOR:** James Walters
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3:00 – 4:00 M,W
3:30 – 4:00 T,Th
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HOURS: Class Hours: 3 Lab Hours: 2 Credit Hours: 4

CFCC General Education Competencies Will Incorporate All or Some of the Following:

1. Written Communication
2. Oral Communication
3. Critical Thinking
4. Basic Computer Usage
5. Understanding Social Structure
6. Problem Solving
7. Understanding Scientific Concepts & Application

PREREQUISITES: Appropriate score on a placement test, or a C or better in MAT 080.

TEXT: Precalculus, 4th ed, Bittenger, Beecher, Ellenbogen, Penna The textbook for this class is optional.
You are also required to have a TI 83, TI 83+ or TI 84 calculator.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is the first of two courses designed to emphasize topics which are fundamental to the study of calculus. We will cover chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10.7. Emphasis is placed on equations and inequalities, functions (linear, polynomial, rational), and systems of equations and inequalities.

OBJECTIVES: Upon completion, students should be able to solve practical problems and use appropriate models for analysis and predictions.

EVALUATION: The final grading scale is as follows:

92 - 100	A
84 - 91	B
76 - 83	C
68 - 75	D
0 - 67	F

The final average will consist of tests, labs/quizzes, and a final.

Tests: There will be about 6 tests worth 100 points each. This will be 60% of your final average. Calculators can be used on tests. If you come to a test without a calculator, you will not be allowed to borrow a calculator from nor share a calculator with anyone. Once the test has started, you can not leave the class until you are finished. If you leave the class early for any reason, you will be graded on what you have done at that time. You can make-up one missed test only. Any missed test after the first one will be a grade of 0. A test may be made up 2:00 PM on Fridays. All tests must be made up before taking the final. No tests will be given early.

Homework/Quizzes: There will be homework and quizzes assigned for a grade in each chapter. You will do this through Coursecompass. The course ID is **walters72713**. You need to complete the verification in Blackboard on or before August 24 2011 or you will be dropped from the course. This will be 20% of your final grade

Final: The final will be cumulative and will count 20% of your final average. The final will be given on May 7. The final will not be given early for any reason. If you are not able to take the final when given, you may receive an incomplete for the course.

ATTENDANCE/MISCELANEOUS:

- 1) Attendance is mandatory. If you miss more than 10 total days, you will receive a grade of F. There are no excused absences. Absences can not be made up. All absences count toward the 1 allowed.
- 2) The first few minutes of class will be used to go over homework. If you come to class after the roll, you will be counted absent for that day. If you come in late(before the roll), you need to tell me that day after class to be counted present for that day.
- 3) If you leave class early for any reason, you will be counted absent for that day.
- 4) Cell phones are not allowed in class for any reason. If you have a cell phone out during class or your cell phone goes off(including vibrate) during class, you may be asked to leave class. If this happens, rule 3 above applies. If this happens during a test, the above rule for leaving a test early applies.
- 5) If you are caught cheating on an assignment, you will receive a 0(zero) F on that assignment.

Student Email: myCFCC is your student web portal - there you can access your class websites, email, and WebAdvisor (official academic info such as grades, transcripts, schedules, etc). Your official CFCC-provided email account is to be used for all e-mail correspondence with your instructors and CFCC staff. Some information from CFCC will ONLY be emailed to this address, and not sent through postal mail, so it is very important that you check this account. To access this account, visit the myCFCC portal - there is a link to the portal near the top of the CFCC.edu website. Login and click the Email link. Your username is part of your email address: user@mail.cfcc.edu. (Note if you've had a CFCC email address in the past, this one differs because we've changed 'email' to 'mail' in the address.) This email account is provided to you as long as you are enrolled in classes (you can take the summer off), and may be used for personal email as well as academic email. The class websites linked from the portal are automatically created for every class - it is up to the instructors to decide whether and how to use them. Even if they are not used, you can send an email to your instructor by clicking the Send Email link on your class homepage.

Disability Services: If you are a person with a disability and anticipate needing accommodations of any type in order to access or participate in this class, you must contact the Disability Support Services Office (Galehouse Bldg. room A215, 362-7012 or 362-7158), provide the necessary documentation of the disability and arrange for the appropriate authorized accommodations. All information shared with the Disability Support Services Office is protected as confidential.

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