

Online Pre-Calculus Pre-Semester Course Information

This document is meant to provide initial information regarding textbooks and testing for students who have just registered for (or are considering registering for) my Online Pre-Calculus course. This is not intended to be a full syllabus. The official syllabus for the course will always be the one housed in Blackboard once the course begins.

COURSE MATERIAL:

The textbook for the course is:

Precalculus A Unit Circle Approach, 2nd edition by Ratti & McWaters

But you are only required to purchase a MyMathLab access code (“Student Access Kit”) available for purchase at ALL Valencia Campus Bookstores, usually held behind the register counter.

Besides a Valencia Bookstore, a second option is to use a credit card (or PayPal) and purchase the MyMathLab access code when you log in and register for our class in MyMathLab once our course begins.

FYI: The access code (whether purchased from Valencia or from within MyMathLab) will give you access to an online version of the textbook. Warning: Do not purchase a MyMathLab access code from any other means than listed above.

MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAM:

You must take a proctored midterm and final exam at a proctored testing center.

This can be either:

- 1) One of Valencia’s six campus Testing Centers (East, West, Osceola, Winter Park, Poinciana, and Lake Nona are all o.k.) No pre-arrangement is required to go to a Valencia Testing Center (other than you will need your Valencia i.d.)
- 2) An approved (by me) testing center from another college (**pre-arrangement at least 2 weeks prior is required***), if you are out of the greater Orlando area.

***Prearranging an alternate testing site:** If you cannot make it to a Valencia Testing Center for the midterm and/or final, it is your responsibility to locate a local community college/college that will allow you to take it at their testing facility. The facility must have internet access, and a proctor to both check your i.d. and watch you take the test. You will need to email me the name of the college, its website, the contact person and their email and phone number. I must have all of this information at least 2 weeks before you wish to take the test; and it is not an approved site until I send you an email asserting so. Do know that some schools charge to proctor tests and this charge will be your responsibility.

CALCULATOR POLICY:

- A graphing calculator is **required** for this course. A Texas Instruments (TI-84, TI-83, TI-83Plus) will be fine for the course. You will be required to use the calculator on homework, quizzes, and midterm/final.