

## Departmental Syllabus for MAT 194 Precalculus Fall 2009

**Course Description:** This course is designed to prepare you for success in the study of calculus. Using graphic, numerical and symbolic representations, you will investigate the basic properties of many elementary functions, including linear, quadratic, polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric, and rational. These functions and their applications will be the core focus of the course. You will engage in applied problem solving in collaborative group settings using graphing technologies. A second but equally important aim of this course is for you to refresh and retain the algebra skills necessary to succeed in your next math course. There will be weekly assignments and quizzes that will address these skills. Class time will not be devoted to your preparation for these quizzes. Help is available from your instructor or from the Math Clinic in the Reading Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Carnegie Hall.

**Course Supervisor:** Professor Helen M. Doerr, 203 Carnegie, 443-1485, hmdoerr@syr.edu. Please inform your instructor of any problems you have with this course. Problems not satisfactorily resolved with your instructor should be brought to the attention of the Course Supervisor without delay.

### **Materials:**

- (1) Textbook: Connally, E., Hughes-Hallett, D., Gleason, A. M., et al. (2007). *Functions modeling change: A preparation for calculus* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- (2) TI-84 or TI-83+ graphics calculator. This may be purchased at a variety of local stores and may be purchased at the Syracuse University Bookstore; you may also be able to buy a used calculator from a student on campus. The calculator may be used on all homework, tests and the final exam. You should bring your calculator with you to class and to recitation. Notes can be stored in your calculator and may be used on the tests and final exam. The use of a symbolic calculator (such as TI-89 or TI-92) will not be allowed on quizzes or exams.
- (3) WebAssign access code. This will be included with a new copy of the textbook purchased at the SU Bookstore. It may also be purchased separately at the SU Bookstore or on-line with a credit card at <http://www.webassign.net>. Your instructor will provide additional information for creating your WebAssign account. You should access this system as soon as possible and begin your first assignment.
- (4) Optional: *Student Solutions Manual*. This book is available on 2-hour reserve from the Math Library on the third floor of Carnegie Hall.

**Prerequisites for Course:** Students should be competent in the use of high school level algebra. Students should have completed successfully a unit on trigonometry at the high

school or college level. A student cannot receive credit for MAT 194 after receiving a grade of C or better in any calculus course. **Students MUST earn a grade of C- or better in MAT 194 in order to meet the prerequisites for taking MAT 295 Calculus I.**

**Homework and Lab Projects:** Homework assignments for the entire semester are listed on the schedule at the end of this syllabus. Part of your homework assignment will be submitted on-line via WebAssign at **webassign.net**. Part of your homework assignment will be handed in to your instructor for grading. Some variations from the list of homework exercises may be announced in class.

You will work in groups, assigned by your instructor, to complete lab projects during this course. The guidelines for completing lab reports will be handed out in class. The lab reports will be due approximately one week after the lab work in class.

**Class Preparation, Homework and Recitations:** You are expected to read the appropriate section of the text *prior* to the class in which that material is discussed. You should try to work through the examples in the text. After the class presentation, you should re-read the material and work through all of the assigned problems.

The *only* way to learn mathematics is to *do* mathematics!

- You should work out and carefully write up all of the assigned exercises! A small portion of each lecture and most of recitation will be devoted to discussing these problems and others! Clearly, only a few problems can be worked out in detail. Usually the instructor will simply describe the basic steps in the solution of the problem. You must fully complete each problem, plus any additional problems that you need to further your own understanding of the material.
- You will be assigned to a homework group in your recitation. You should work with the members of your homework group to assure that you can do and understand all of the assigned problems. Most students find it beneficial to study for the tests with the members of their homework group.
- Ask questions! If something is not completely clear, ask about it in lecture, in recitation or at the clinic as soon as possible. Don't hesitate to bring questions to your course instructor or recitation instructor during office hours.
- Stay caught up! Math concepts build on each other cumulatively and you need to stay on top of the material at every stage. If you are having difficulty, don't expect that the problem will take care of itself and disappear later. Contact your course instructor or your recitation instructor immediately and discuss the problem!

**Class Attendance and Participation:** You are expected to attend and participate in class. This course is taught using small groups and class discussion; your success will be limited without full attendance and participation.

**Out-of-class Assistance:** Your instructor will be available regularly during his or her office hours. You can also seek assistance at the Math Clinic in the Reading Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Carnegie Hall. The Math Clinic hours are posted outside the department office at 215 Carnegie. In addition, most chapters in your textbook have a "TOOLS" section that provides help with basic algebra skills.

**Final Examination:** Final examination Block 5 (8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009) is reserved for mathematics courses numbered below 400. Your final examination will take place during a two-hour block within the above time interval. The time and location will be announced in class after midterm. You are required to take the final examination during the appointed examination block and, in the absence of an exam conflict, at the scheduled time. **DO NOT MAKE PLANS TO LEAVE CAMPUS BEFORE 2:30 P.M. on Dec. 16, 2009.**

**Examinations:** There will be three in-class examinations. There will be **NO MAKE-UP EXAMS**, even in the case of an emergency. A missed quiz or examination counts as a zero unless the student presents a valid excuse from a physician or his or her dean's office. With the written excuse, your score on the relevant portion of the final exam may be used to replace the missed quiz or exam.

**Quizzes:** Weekly algebra quizzes will be given on-line via WebAssign. There will be occasional quizzes given at the discretion of your instructor.

**Grading:** Your final grade in this course will be based on your performance on exams, the final exam (which is cumulative), lab reports, homework and quizzes. The relative weight assigned to each is designated below:

Exams (3)	45%
Final Exam	15%
Labs	20%
Homework	10%
Algebra & Other Quizzes	10%

Your course grade will be assigned based on the following percentages:

93 - 100	A
90 - 92	A-
87 - 89	B+
83 - 86	B
80 - 82	B-
77 - 79	C+
73 - 76	C
70 - 72	C-
66 - 69	D
0 - 65	F

**Academic Integrity:** The Syracuse University Academic Integrity Policy holds students accountable for the integrity of the work they submit. Students should be familiar with the Policy and know that it is their responsibility to learn about instructor and general academic expectations with regard to proper citation of sources in written work. The policy also governs the integrity of work submitted in exams and assignments as well as the veracity of signatures on attendance sheets and other verifications of participation in class activities. Serious sanctions can result from academic dishonesty of any sort. For more information and the complete policy, see <http://academicintegrity.syr.edu>.

**Students with Disabilities:** Students are encouraged to talk with their instructor about their academic needs. If you believe that you need accommodations for a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), <http://disabilityservices.syr.edu>, located in Room 309 of 804 University Avenue, or call (315) 443-4498 for an appointment to discuss your needs and the process for requesting accommodations. ODS is responsible for coordinating disability-related accommodations and will issue students with documented disabilities Accommodation Authorization Letters, as appropriate. Since accommodations may require early planning and generally are not provided retroactively, please contact ODS as soon as possible.

**Exam Dates:**

**Exam #1:** Sept. 24

**Exam #2:** Oct. 29

**Exam #3:** Dec. 10

**Lab Projects**

**Lab #1:** Sept. 10      **Report Due:** Sept. 17

**Lab #2:** Oct. 1      **Report Due:** Oct. 8

**Lab #3:** Nov. 5      **Report Due:** Nov. 12

**Lab #4:** Nov. 19      **Report Due:** Dec. 3

**Homework Assignments**  
**MW with Thursday Recitations**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Exercises</u>
8/31	1.1	On-line: #10, 11, 17, 34 Handed in: #1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 20-22, 31
9/2	1.2	On-line: #10, 11, 16, 18, 20 Handed in: #1, 2, 3, 7, 13, 17, 21, 23, 24
	1.3	On-line: #7, 9, 11, 15, 20, 23, 24, 32 Handed in: #1, 3, 5, 12
9/9	1.4	On-line: #16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 27, 33, 38, 40, 41 Handed in: 1, 3, 5, 7, 29, 31
9/14	1.5	On-line: #15, 16, 17, 24, 25, 30 Handed in: #2, 3, 6, 18, 31, 34
9/16	2.1	On-line: #9, 10, 22, 26, 27, 28, 31, 34, 35 Handed in: #3, 4, 5, 30, 32, 33
	2.2	On-line: #29 Handed in: #2, 3, 9, 11, 13, 25, 26, 31
9/23	2.3	On-line: #15, 16, 17 Handed in: #1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 13
	2.4	On-line #5 - 12
9/30	2.5	On-line: #9, 10 Handed in: #3, 8, 11, 12, 18, 19
10/5	2.6	On-line: #8, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 21, 27, 31 Handed in: #28, 30
	3.1	On-line: #9, 10, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 33 Handed in: #5, 6, 7, 15, 16
10/7	3.2	On-line: #2, 12, 15, 17, 24, 26, 27, 31, 39 Handed in: #3, 10, 19, 21, 34, 37

10/12	3.3	On-line: #9, 11, 17, 38 Handed in: #3, 5-8, 15, 35
	3.3	On-line: #18, 33 Handed in: #30, 31, 38, 43
10/14	3.4	On-line: #8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 Handed in: #1, 4, 5, 6, 27
10/19	4.1	On-line: #12, 13, 15, 17, 24, 25, 34, 35 Handed in: #1-9 odd, 19
	4.1	On-line: #28, 30, 36, 37, 39, 44, 46, 48 Handed in: #33, 51, 54
10/21	4.2	On-line: #36, 38, 44, 45, 48, 49, 53, 57, 58 Handed in: #50
	4.2	On-line: #37, 39, 40
	4.3	On-line: #35 Handed in: #1, 3, 4, 7-10, 18, 19, 36, 37
10/26	5.1	On-line: #9, 26, 27, 42 Handed in: #1, 2, 4, 8, 18, 19, 20, 21, 31, 32, 40
10/28	5.2	On-line: #1,10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 24, 25 Handed in: #5, 6, 18, 27, 29
11/2	5.3	On-line: #2 Handed in: #4, 7, 8, 11, 17, 25, 26, 28, 34, 35
	5.4	On-line: #1, 4, 11 Handed in: #10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22
11/4	5.5	On-line: #7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 32 Handed in: #31 p. 241 #20, 22, 24, 26
11/9	6.1	On-line: #19, 21 Handed in: #1-6, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 27, 28
	6.2	On-line: #14, 19, 21, 23, 27, 33 Handed in: #1, 5, 29
11/11	6.3	On-line: #1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, 24, 25, 26, 39, 41, 42 Handed in: #29, 31, 37

11/16	6.4	On-line: #1, 3, 7, 8, 30 Handed in: #4, 5, 6, 9, 18, 28, 29
11/18	6.5	On-line: #2, 3, 28, 29, 35 Handed in: #12, 15, 17, 19, 27, 30
	6.5	On-line: #42 Handed in: #16, 18, 31, 33, 38, 41
11/23	6.6	On-line: #17, 19, 23 Handed in: #1- 15 odd, 32, 36, 37

### **Thanksgiving Break**

11/30	8.1	On-line: #1, 9, 11, 22, 34 Handed in: #25, 26, 31, 37, 39, 41, 46, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56
	9.2	On-line: #11, 13, 17 Handed in: #5, 7, 9, 15, 21, 22
12/2	9.3	On-line: #1, 4, 8, 11a, 12, 13, 17, 19, 43 Handed in: #20, 24 - 32 even, 45
12/7	9.4	On-line: #7, 8, 20, 21, 24 a-e, g Handed in: #1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16
12/9	9.5	On-line: #7, 13, 14 Handed in: #1, 3, 9, 15, 16, 17
	9.5	On-line: #40, 41 Handed in: #25, 26, 27, 33, 36, 38
12/14		review for Final Exam