

Course Syllabus M305G Fall 2005

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Text: Michael Sullivan, *Precalculus 7th Edition*

We will cover approximately 1 section per day, although some days we will need to cover 2. The required sections are as follows:

1.1-1.3, 2.1-2.5, 3.1-3.6 (skip 3.5), 4.1-4.8, 5.1-5.6 (exclude curve fitting), 6.1-6.6

If we have time at the end then I may include some additional useful topics (which will help you in Calculus).

Exams: There will be 4 exams spaced evenly throughout the semester. These each will be 50-minute exams. Calculators and books/notes are NOT ALLOWED unless I explicitly say otherwise. The exam dates will be announced in class and will be placed on the class coursepage at least two weeks prior to each exam.

In calculating your final grade, I will take your 3 highest scores (meaning that I will DROP your lowest score). This means that MAKEUP EXAMS WILL NOT BE GIVEN - EVEN FOR SITUATIONS BEYOND YOUR CONTROL (so use your "drop"wisely).

Homework: I will assign homework weekly. You are expected to solve EVERY problem in detail. These problems will *usually* be handed in each Monday AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS and the grader will grade and return them the following week. LATE HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED except in extreme situations. Please do NOT slip homeworks under my office door since I will disregard them. You are also expected to read in depth each section of the book that I cover. Toward the last week of the semester I will FINALIZE your homework grades. This means that you will need to check your homework grades BEFORE THAT TIME if you feel the need. Note that my policy is: I DO NOT alter how homeworks have been marked by the grader except in the case where the score has been misadded.

Grades: Your overall homework grade will comprise APPROXIMATELY one fourth of your final grade. The remaining three fourths will come from the 3 highest exams (out of 4). These percentages may be altered slightly at the end of the course as I see fit.

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