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| **Course** | MATH 1150, section 001 | **Instructor** | Carrie Muir |
| **Term** | Spring 2007 | **Office** | Math 240 |
| **Text** | *Precalculus Essentials* (2nd ed.) by Robert Blitzer | **URLs** | http://spot.colorado.edu/~carriem/1150/ http://culearn.colorado.edu |
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**About the course**

MATH 1150 is intended to prepare students for a first semester calculus course, such as MATH 1300, MATH 1310, or APPM 1350. Students will be expected to already be familiar with basic algebra concepts, and to have already mastered basic algebra skills; note that one and a half years of high school algebra is a prerequisite for the course.

**Homework**

Homework will generally be due every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Assignments will be posted on the class web site. Your lowest five homework scores will be dropped; the average of the remaining homework scores will account for 21% of your final course grade.

The following requirements apply to all homework assignments. Submissions which fail to meet these requirements will earn zero points.

- Paper must be 8.5 inches by 11 inches, white, and either ruled or gridded.
- Paper may not have frilly edges - if you plan to tear sheets from a notebook, be sure the pages have perforated edges.
- On the first page of every assignment, in the upper right hand corner, write your full name, your section number, and the assignment number.
- Multiple page assignments must be stapled together in the upper left hand corner.
- Homework assignments must be completed using a standard pencil, black ink, or blue ink.
- Mistakes are to be fully erased, or fully covered by white correction fluid, rather than scratched out. It is strongly suggested that you work out all problems, then neatly copy the assignment on fresh paper.
- All work must be shown on every problem.
- Illegible work or answers will not receive credit.

**Tests**

Tests will be given during class on the following Wednesdays: 14th February, 14th March, and 18th April. These tests will not be cumulative. Tests must be completed using a standard pencil or a pen with black or blue ink. Each test will count for 18% of your final course grade.

**Final Exam**

The final exam will be given on Wednesday, 9th May, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m., location to be determined. The final exam will be cumulative, and will count for 25% of your final course grade.

**Grades**

There will be *no* extra credit assignments, and there will be *no* "curving" of any grades. The grade scale below will be strictly followed. Notice that there will be no plus or minus letter grades. In order to continue on to first semester calculus, you must have at least a C grade.

| Final Score | Grade | Final Score | Grade |
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| 93 - 100 | A | 66 - 74 | D |
| 84 - 92 | B | 0 - 65 | F |
| 75 - 83 | C | | |

As per university policy, an incomplete grade will be given only to students who, *due to circumstances beyond their control*, have been unable to complete the course requirements. Only circumstances which occur after Wednesday, 28th February will be considered. The student must have earned at least 66% of the points available when the circumstances occurred for an incomplete to be considered.

**Make-up work**

No late homework will be accepted. However, your lowest five homework scores, including zero scores, will be dropped. Homework may be turned in early in anticipation of a class absence. Early homework must be submitted directly to your instructor's office, and must be turned in by 8:00 a.m. on the day the assignment is due.

Early tests will only be given for unavoidable absences, such as for mandatory University activities or religious observance. If you will need to miss a test due to such an obligation, you must inform your instructor of the conflict at least two weeks in advance in order to schedule an alternate test. *Conflicts with work schedules or other classes, and travel plans for University holidays will not be considered unavoidable. It is your responsibility to plan your schedule appropriately.* In the event of severe illness or injury, a make-up test will be given. However, you <u>must</u> provide documentation to verify the reason for your absence.

**Testing Accommodations**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit a letter to your instructor from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. A minimum of two weeks notice is required in order to make arrangements. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. See www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices.

**Calculators**

You will *not* be allowed to use a calculator on tests or the final exam. You may use a calculator on your homework; however, it is recommend that you do so *at most* to check your arithmetic. Doing your homework without a calculator will help you become used to doing problems without such aid, and make you better prepared for tests. Keep in mind that calculators are *not* permitted in MATH 1300.

**Classroom Behavior**

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Faculty have the professional responsibility to treat students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which students express opinions. See campus policies at www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html.

Cell phones, pagers, and similar devices are to be turned off during all class sessions. Students may not listen to music, play games, browse the internet, or engage in other activities not related to the course during class sessions.

**Academic Dishonesty**

Tests and the final exam are to be completed without the aid of calculators, notes, or other people. Students may use texts, notes, and calculators on homework, and may discuss homework with other people; students may *not* copy answers from a solutions manual or another student, or have another person complete the homework for him/her. Any violation of these rules will be considered cheating, and will be reported to the Honor Code Office. The following academic sanctions will be applied in cases of cheating.

- A student who cheats on a homework assignment will be given a zero for that assignment. S/he will also have the highest five homework scores dropped, rather than the lowest five, and will have four percentage points subtracted from his/her final grade. Any additional incident of academic dishonesty will result in an *F* grade for the course.

- A student who cheats on a test will be given a zero for that test and will have eight percentage points subtracted from his/her final grade. Any additional incident of academic dishonesty will result in an *F* grade for the course.

- A student who cheats on the final exam will be given an *F* grade for the course.

Other forms of academic dishonesty include fabrication, aid of academic dishonesty, lying, bribery, and threats. Academic sanctions will be imposed for such dishonesty, and all infractions will be reported to the Honor Code Office. The sanction for such infractions will depend upon the nature of the infraction. Additional information on academic dishonesty, related campus policies, and the Honor Code can be found at www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html and www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/.