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Textbook: Trigonometry 10th edition by Larson. Your WebAssign access was part of the registration of the course. Students are charged for required course materials on their student account with the Business Office. Any students who wish to opt-out of the Program and purchase the required course materials on their own must do so prior to 7/9/20. Please contact the MSU Bookstore if you have any questions about the opt-out process.

Objectives: This course will be over chapters 1-4 of the textbook. Your primary objective will be to learn correct use of mathematical terminology and notation. You will also be learning problem solving skills from the point of view of a mathematician. A student who completes this course with a grade of C or better may take MATH 1634 Calculus I.

Please note that this course officially ends on Thursday, August 6.

Prerequisite: Math 1233 with a grade of C or better.

Grading: Your grade will be based on 4 Check-In grades, 14 Homework grades but only your 12 best will count, 2 Benchmarks, 2 Midterms, and a Proctored Final Exam. These items will be weighted like this:

4 Check-In grades @ 1% each	4%
12 Homework grades at 2% each	24%
2 Benchmark grades @ 6% each	12 %
1 st Midterm	10%
2 nd Midterm	10%
Proctored Final Exam	40%

Grades will be computed on the usual basis, 90% for an A, 80% for a B, etc. However, poor performance on the Final Exam could lower your course grade. You must score at least 80% on the final to receive a grade of A, 70% for a B, 60% for a C, and 50% for a D.

Proctored Final Knowledge Check: Your final exam in this course will be proctored using ProctorU. There is a \$25 fee for this service payable directly to ProctorU. You don't need to schedule your exam with ProctorU until late in July, but you can go to the [MSUTexas ProctorU Portal](#) soon to make sure you have the proper technology requirements. There may be alternative proctoring solution made available. I will give more information when it becomes available to me.

Attendance (weekly Check-In): Since this is an online course, there are no class meetings to attend. However, the Check-In is a weekly assignment that is required to be completed each week by Tuesday*. For your check-in you must message me through the D2L system answering the two following questions:

"1) What was the grade on your most recent homework assignment?"

"2) When do you plan to complete your next homework assignment that is due?"

Example of a Check-In email: *"My last homework grade was a 72%. I plan to do the next assignment Wednesday the 8th."*

*The first weekly check in is required to be turned in by Friday 7/20

Time Management: Weekly Check-In assignments should help you stay on track and be aware of your progress. You should expect to spend somewhere between 4 and 8 hours online each week. **Only** the strongest students can get away with spending less than 4 hours per week. Weaker student may need more than 8 hours per week. Success in this course normally requires work done a steady pace and at least some work every day or two. Ignoring the course for an uninterrupted week or more will result in you having to spend time relearning material you have forgotten.

Homework/Benchmarks: All 14 homework assignments and both benchmarks will be assigned through WebAssign. You must log in to WebAssign and complete these for credit. Homeworks will only have 4 attempts per problem so be aware how many attempts you take when answering each question. Benchmarks will only have 2 attempts per problem. Benchmarks will take place the 1st and 3rd week of the course.

Exam Schedule: The 2 Midterms and the Proctored Final Exam will be taken online(Final may have alternative option TBA). Each of these exams should take about one to two hours. Exceeding two hours on one of these exams might invoke a penalty. The dates for these exams are in the following table.

<i>Knowledge Check</i>	<i>Earliest Start Time</i>	<i>Latest End Time</i>
Graded Midterm 1,	Thurs July 16, 2020 12:01AM	Fri July 17, 2020 11:59PM
Graded Midterm 2,	Thurs July 30, 2020 12:01AM	Thurs July 31, 2020 11:59PM
Proctored Final Exam	Wed Aug 5, 2020 12:01AM	Thurs Aug 6, 2020 11:59PM

Expectations: I expect you to

- Log onto WebAssign at least 3 days per week and Log onto D2L at least twice each week
- use online time wisely
- ask specific, thoughtful questions (message through D2L or email jacob.mescher@msutexas.edu)
- put forth your best effort every day
- make at least a "C" in this class

Standard Syllabus Information: Students should refer to the current MSU Student Handbook for university policies on academic dishonesty, class attendance, student rights and activities.

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage [Campus Carry Rules/Policies](#).