

Course Syllabus: Calculus I
McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering
Math 1634 Section 103
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Class Meeting Days, Times, Location

Mondays and Fridays, 11:00 – 11:50 AM, in Dillard 336
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Catalog Information

Description: Differentiation of functions of one variable with applications, integration including simple substitution and numerical evaluation, and applications of integration. Each student must have a graphing calculator.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Required: WebAssign for the text Calculus, Early Transcendentals, 9th Edition, by Stewart, Clegg and Watson. Required digital materials for this course are part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. 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 (09/04/20). Opt-out instructions are sent to students' official my.msutexas.edu email address after the first day of class. Please contact the MSU Bookstore if you have any questions about the opt-out process. Information for how to register for WebAssign is a news item within D2L.

Additional Information: There is an eBook within WebAssign, so purchasing a print copy is optional. This course covers the content in Chapters 2 – 5 of the text. The content within Chapter 1 consists of prerequisite mathematics (content from College Algebra and Trigonometry or from Precalculus) for the study of calculus. Students are responsible for reviewing the content of Chapter 1 on their own. Some homework will be assigned from this chapter and questions from this chapter may appear on quizzes and exams.

Calculator Requirement: A non-CAS graphing calculator is recommended for this class. A student that does not have a graphing calculator should have a scientific calculator. Certain quizzes and exams must be completed without a calculator. A CAS calculator may not be used on quizzes or exams.

Face Covering and other COVID-19 related Policies

Students are required to wear a mask/face covering while in this classroom. For the MSU Texas Facial Covering Requirement from the [MSU homepage](#) go to [Fall 2020 Return to Campus Updates](#), then to [Academic Instruction](#), then to [Facial Covering Requirement](#). You are also expected to self-screen yourself for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to campus each day. If you are concerned that you have COVID-19 symptoms or have had close exposure to COVID-19, self-isolate and follow the instructions given on page 36 of the [MSU Texas Task Force to Return to Campus](#) document. It is also important to email your professor and keep them informed.

Grading

Course Grade – Your grade will be based on Homework (done in WebAssign), Quizzes (in class or within WebAssign or within D2L), and Exams. Course grades for will be calculated using the following weights. The standard 90-80-70-60 grading scale will be used to assign course grades.

Categories	Weight
Homework & Quizzes	14%
General Exams	66%
Final Exam	20%

Homework

Homework will be assigned over each section of the book that is covered in class. Homework will be completed within WebAssign. Due dates will be assigned and will be included with each assignment within WebAssign. In general, when I have completed a section of material in class, the homework for that section will be due by the start of our next class meeting. In addition, when you complete a WebAssign assignment, you will also be required to upload a copy of your work to an assignments folder within D2L. This work may be graded for correctness, completeness, and its consistency with the answers you submitted within WebAssign. When work for an assignment is graded, the grade you receive in WebAssign, which is based solely on final answers, may be adjusted.

Late Homework

There are due dates given within WebAssign for each assignment. Each due date time is 11 am on the day the homework assignment is due. Up to three times during the semester you may request, within 24-hours of an assignment being past due, an extension of two days to complete the assignment. For these three requests, I will approve the request and assess a 10% late penalty. Requests beyond three will not be considered for approval unless the request is for a documented emergency resulting in your inability to attend class and complete the assignment by the due date. Extensions requested must be made no later than 24-hours after you returned to class following the emergency.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given in class or through WebAssign or D2L. Quizzes in these formats will be short, and there will be a time limit on each quiz. In addition, there may be some take home quizzes. Make-up quizzes will not be given.

The first quiz will cover material from the syllabus and will be administered on D2L. A student who fails to take this quiz will receive a 0 for the quiz. You have until 11:00 am on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, to complete the syllabus quiz.

Exams Dates

The tentative exam dates are as follows and are planned to be given in class:

Exam 1: Monday, September 14th

Exam 2: Friday, October 9th

Exam 3: Monday, November 2nd

Exam 4: Monday, November 23rd and/or Tuesday November 24th

Final Exam: Tuesday, December 8th, 1:00-3:00pm

If the MSU campus returns to Phase I or Phase II, you may be required to take some exams using ProctorU. The cost of a 60-minute exam taken through ProctorU is approximately \$17.50. The cost of a 2-hour exam is approximately \$25. In addition, if MSU is operating on Phase III or IV and I approve you to take an exam remotely, you will be required to use ProctorU.

Make Up Exams

Make-up exams are not generally given; however, such exams may be given for an absence that is a result of a documented medical or personal emergency. If an exam is going to be missed due to an approved university activity, the student should request to take the exam early. For missed exams, timely notification (for emergencies, on or before the scheduled day of the exam, and for approved university activities, a week prior to the scheduled day of the exam) is necessary to receive consideration to make up the exam or take the exam early. Once graded exams have been returned to the class, which usually occurs during the class meeting following the day of the exam, it will no longer be possible to make up a missed exam. No student will be allowed to make up more than one exam during the semester. No exams may be made up due to a student scheduling a vacation on a day when classes are in session.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. On D2L I will post any announcements and reminders that I feel will be helpful as we go through the semester. I also plan to post any handouts given out in class. I may also post links to math videos that I either recommend or assign you to watch. I will also post grades within D2L. Your homework grade will be in WebAssign, and periodically your homework average will be transferred to the D2L gradebook.

Punctuality and Attendance

Midwestern State University's Attendance Policy, which is contained in the MSU Student Handbook, states that students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Among other things, the policy covers the university's position on authorized absences, including who students should contact to inform faculty in cases of personal emergency or illness requiring hospitalization or prolonged absence. You may wish to review MSU's Class Attendance Policy within the Student Handbook.

Students should make every effort to arrive to class on time and remain for the entire class period. Arriving late and leaving early is a disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Emergencies should not be regular occurrences. If you have a medical condition that warrants needing to leave class on a regular basis, please talk to the instructor and provide her with a doctor's note indicating such. In particular, what you need to know about being late to this class:

1. You will be considered late if you arrive late but within the first ten minutes of class.
2. Three late arrivals are considered an absence.
3. Do not leave class in the middle (to go get a drink or go to the restroom) unless it is an emergency. Any student who leaves in the middle of class and returns will be counted as late for the day.

In particular, what you need to know about being absent from this class:

1. Any student who leaves class without the permission of the instructor is considered to be absent for the class period and any work submitted will not be graded.
2. Any student caught doing work for another class, or being physically present but not mentally present and engaged in class, will be counted absent.
3. A student who arrives more than ten minutes late is counted absent.
4. Use of a cell phone or any other electronic device during class may result in the student's dismissal from class for the remainder of the period, in which case the student is counted absent and any graded work turned in on that day will receive a grade of zero.
5. A student who accumulates six absences may be instructor dropped from the class with a grade of F. In such cases, an email will be sent to the student using the student's email within D2L, notifying the student that they should schedule an appointment to meet with the instructor to discuss their class attendance, and possibly avoid the instructor drop with a grade of F. The student has 48 hours from the time of the email to schedule a meeting with the instructor. Failure to schedule a meeting or failure to attend the scheduled meeting will result in dismissal from the class with a grade of F.

On days you are scheduled to attend class virtually you will be counted as being present provided you complete the following:

1. You attended the entire class virtually; late policies still apply.
2. You actively participated, taking notes as if you were physically in class.

You may attend class virtually on three days throughout the semester when you are scheduled to attend class physically and be counted as being present provided you meet the two conditions above.

Approval from the instructor is required for further virtual attendance to not be counted as an absence on days you are scheduled to attend class physically.

Academic Misconduct Policy

All work that you do that contributes to your course grade must be your own work. Any evidence that you submitted work that is not your own will result in receiving a grade of zero on the submitted work, and could possibly result in an automatic F in the course. If the sanction for academic dishonesty is an F in the course, then the F will remain permanently on your transcript and within your MSU GPA. When taking an exam or quiz you are to never receive outside help of any sort. On homework, you may get assistance from others, but you are responsible for understanding what you submit to be graded, and further, no two students are ever to turn in work that appears to be identical. Teachers can detect when a student is copying homework from someone else in the class. Never let someone borrow your work. If you want to help someone understand how to work a problem, talk to them and give them advice or pointers, but never give them your completed work. In addition, copying solutions from online resources or using online resources to work a problem for you is considered cheating.

Cell Phone Policy

Please turn these off or place on silent prior to the beginning of class. All cell phones must be placed face down on the desk/table in front of you or kept completely out of sight. Use of a cell phone or any other electronic device (including earbuds) during class may result in the student's dismissal from class for the remainder of the period, in which case the student is counted absent and any graded work turned in on that day will receive a grade of zero. If a student continues to violate this Cell Phone Policy an instructor referral to the Dean of Students will be submitted. If the violation again continues, the student will be instructor dropped from the class with a grade of F. Using a cell phone during a test or quiz will result in a grade of zero on the test or quiz, and you may receive further penalties under the academic misconduct policy. The penalty or a zero may also apply if your cell phone goes off (texts, calls, alarms, etc.) during a test or quiz.

Technology Requirements

Some quizzes and exams will be given online in this course. These quizzes and exams may be proctored. You are required to have access to technology that

allows for online proctoring (such as the Respondus Monitoring and Lockdown Browser through D2L). You can find more information on these requirements on page 16 of the [MSU Texas Task Force to Return to Campus](#) document. In particular, you will need access to a computer with a webcam (not a Chromebook or a cell phone, ipads are compatible but not any other type of tablet) with the ability to download/use the appropriate D2L software.

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

When you need help with this course, where can you go?

1. To your professor's office
 - You can attend virtual office hours hosted by Dr. Slavens. When you do so, you will get one-on-one or small group help from the professor who is teaching the course you are taking. Because there is no way to maintain social distancing in the office of Dr. Slavens, I cannot offer assistance in my office at this time. Please stand outside of my office door if you wish to stop by with a quick question.
 - You should have with you both your notes and all of the related work that you have done over the topics you are seeking help with.
2. The *Tutoring and Academic Support Program (TASP)*, located in Moffett Library, offers additional tutoring in math as well as other courses. You can find out more about their services by visiting their office or searching *TASP* on the MSU website. They offer tutoring Monday through Thursday 11:00am-6:00pm and Sunday 2:00pm-9:00pm. NOTE from the TASP website:

"TASP will offer all tutoring sessions face-to-face following suit with MSU's social distancing plans in place including a required mask for your session, one tutee per 6ft table with a plexiglass divider between tutor and tutee. Online appointments with an MSU tutor are available but only for students who are ill or showing symptoms."

TASP tutoring services will be online only following the Thanksgiving break

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

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 at [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#).