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Office Hour: In F31L, 12:00 PM – 12:50 PM Monday through Thursday, or by appointment.

Text: Pre-calculus with Limits (third edition) by Ron Larson. I do not use Webassign for this course. However, if have a code and wish to use it on your own, a generic code has been set up: **deanza 4320 4371**.

Calculator: A scientific calculator is required for quizzes and exams. A TI-84 or TI-83 is recommended, but not required.

Attendance (extra credit):

Beginning the second week of classes, attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. You must arrive on time to get credit for this. If by the end of the quarter, you have been absent or late to class on 8 or fewer days, you'll receive a one percentage point bonus to your final score.

Office Hour Visit (extra credit):

If you come to my office to introduce yourself some time within the first five weeks of class, you will receive a half percentage bonus to your final score.

Projects (extra credit):

You will have a few opportunities during the quarter to do projects for extra credit.

Final Exam:

The final exam for this class will be given on Wednesday, June 27, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM (as scheduled by the college). Taking the final exam is required to pass the class. If due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness or family emergency you are unable to take the final exam at the scheduled time, you will need to take an incomplete for the class and arrange a time to make it up.

Midterm Exams:

There will be three midterm exams for this course, tentatively scheduled for April 26, May 17, and June 7. Make-up midterms will not generally be given, but your final exam score can be used to substitute for your lowest midterm score.

Homework and Quizzes: Homework will be assigned but not collected. Instead quizzes will be given to give you feedback on how you are keeping up with the material.

Grading policy:

Your final grade for the course will be a weighted average of the scores from three midterms (15% each), a final exam (20%), quizzes (20%), and class participation/attendance (15%). Your final exam score may be used to substitute for your lowest midterm score. Midterm scores can be used to substitute for quiz scores on the same material. This will be done automatically. Class participation will be dropped if it lowers your overall average. All scores are computed as percentages, and your final letter grade will be computed as follows:

- A 93% - 100%
- A- 90% - 92%
- B+ 87% - 89%
- B 83% - 86%
- B- 80% - 82%
- C+ 76% - 79%
- C 70% - 75%
- D 60% - 69%
- F 0% - 49%

An F will also be given in the case one gets a 0 on the final exam.

Policy on dropping:

If you decide you no longer wish to take this class, it is your responsibility to go online and formally drop the class by the appropriate deadline. If you fail to do so, I will be unable to change your grade or drop you at a later date. The only exception to this rule is that a student who fails to come to class or to contact the instructor during the first week of the class will automatically be dropped from the class.

Policy on Academic Integrity:

If a student is found to have cheated on an exam, they will receive a 0 for that exam. If it is a midterm, they will not be able to substitute the final exam grade for that midterm.

Academic Help:

Mathematics is a challenging subject which takes time and effort to master. Of course students differ in their backgrounds, but in general you should expect to do a minimum of 10 hours of work per week reading the book, doing homework, and thinking about the material. This is in addition to the time you spend in class. If you find you are having difficulty with the material, it is important to address the situation immediately, as it's easy to fall behind. The tutorial center in S-43 offers both drop in tutoring for brief questions, as well as one on one sessions with a designated tutor up to two hours a week. In addition, I encourage all students to come to my office hours listed above. Often, I'm able to help students talking with them individually in a way that's not possible in a large lecture class.

Student Learning Outcome(s):

*Analyze, investigate, and evaluate linear systems, vectors, and matrices related to two or three dimensional geometric objects.

*Graph and analyze regions/curves represented by inequalities or trigonometric, polar, and parametric equations, including conic sections.

*Analyze, develop, and evaluate formulas for sequences and series; Justify those formulas by mathematical induction.