**MATH 141 – Precalculus I**

# Fall 2014

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**OFFICE HOURS:** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. M,T,W,Th or by appointment

**COURSE:** This course, Math 141- Precalculus I, is the first course in a two-course precalculus

sequence (141,142) designed for students who have not had precalculus or who need to review the basics of precalculus in preparation for calculus. Math 141 covers

Chapters 2-4 and parts of Chap. 10 in your textbook.

**COURSE PREREQUISITE:** If you have not met the prerequisite for this course, you will be

dropped from the course. The prerequisite is Math 98 with a 3.0 or

better, Math 108 with a 2.0 or better or the equivalent. If you have

any questions, please contact your instructor.

**REQUIRED TEXT:** Precalculus: Mathematics for Calculus , 6th edition by Stewart, Redlin and

Watson, Brooks/Cole Publishing.

**REQUIRED CALCULATOR:** Graphing calculator(optional) or scientific calculator.

**GRADING:**

Homework/Quizzes(10 pts. each) 30%

Exams( 100 pts. each) 50%

Final Exam 20%

Total: 100%

The “Z” grade is an instructor initiated option which is not assigned for non-attendance or a low course grade. Your final grade for the course will be calculated based on the percentages for homework/quizzes, exams and the final exam, listed above, and assigned a decimal grade based on the Math department’s grading scale (see below). To view your grades, go to [www.spokanefalls.edu](http://www.spokanefalls.edu), click on the Current Students link followed by a click on CCS Canvas under Online Classes/Syllabi.

**AVAILABLE HELP:**

*Study Groups:* I would encourage each student in this class to get to know others in the

class. Exchange phone numbers and make appointments with each other to study together.

Occasionally, you will have the option to work in class on a quiz as a group.

*Math Learning Center:* You may get help from instructors and tutors in the Math Learning

Center (MLC), 18-213, which is open 6 days a week. The lab hours are:

Mon-Thur: 9:30 am -8:30 pm, Fri: 9:30 am-3:30 pm,

Sun: 1:00 pm-8:30 pm.

**AVAILABLE HELP(cont.):**

*WebAssign:* WebAssign is an online skills practice, assessment and tutorial system available

as part of your textbook purchase. I will be requiring the WebAssign feature for all of your

graded homework and you can use it for additional assistance in learning the basic concepts.

Instructions are given below on how to register for WebAssign.

*Office Hours:* Also, feel free to use the student study area outside my office as a place to

study and do your homework so you can easily ask for help.

**REGISTERING FOR WEBASSIGN:** To set up an account to use WebAssign, use the access code packaged with your textbook. If you don’t have an access kit, you can have free access during a 14 day grace period. You can get an access code by purchasing a new text at our student bookstore or you can purchase an access code online at webassign.net. To self-enroll, go to <https://webassign.net/login.html> and click **I Have a Class Key**. Your class key is: **spokanefalls 5881 2244** . If you have used WebAssign before, follow the instructions on **Use Your Existing Account** or if new to WebAssign, follow the instructions on **Create A New Account** entering your new account information.

**HOMEWORK(HW)/QUIZZES(Q):** WebAssign or textbook homework problems will be assigned daily for each of the sections covered in the textbook to assist you in learning the concepts. At the beginning of each class period, you may ask questions about the previous class period’s homework assignment. WebAssign homework assignments will be graded as noted(\*) on the assignment sheet, but textbook homework assignments will not be graded. Group or take-home quizzes will be given throughout the quarter. There will be about two or three homework/quizzes assigned per week for grading and your **three** lowest scores will be dropped in computing your final grade. **Show your work on quizzes!**  **Homework/quizzes are not accepted late!**

**EXAMS:** Four exams and a comprehensive final exam will be given as outlined below:

Exam #1: Sec. 8.1 – 8.4; Sec. 12.1, 12.2

2: Sec. 8.5 – 8.7; Sec. 12.3, 12.4

3: Chap. 10

4: Sec. 11.1, 11.3-11.5, 11.7

Final Exam: Chap. 8, 10, 11\*, 12

Credit will not be given for answers only. **Show your work!** **One exam can be taken late if your absence is unavoidable and you contact me before or on the day of the exam.** Ten or more points may be deducted from your score. Exams may be taken early without a penalty. The final exam will be given on our scheduled final exam day during finals week, Thursday, December 11, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance is strongly encouraged and will affect your grade.  **If you stop**

**attending class and fail to withdraw from the course, you will receive a failing grade, 0.0, in the**

**course.** If you know you will be absent for any of our classes, please contact me prior to your

absence to discuss the assignments you will miss.

**OTHER:** If you have a health condition or disability that may require accommodations in order to fully participate in this class, please contact me after class or contact Disability Support Services in Building 17-201, phone 533-4166. Information about disability will be regarded as confidential.

**GRADING SCALE:** Your grade will be determined by the percentage of possible points received on the assignments outlined above according to the following scale:

+93%.....4.0 84 ....3.1 75 ....2.2 66 ....1.3

92 ....3.9 83 ....3.0 74 ....2.1 65 ....1.2

91 ....3.8 82 ....2.9 73 ....2.0 64 ....1.1

90 ....3.7 81 ....2.8 72 ....1.9 63 ....1.0

89 ....3.6 80 ....2.7 71 ....1.8 0-62 ....0.0

88 ....3.5 79 ....2.6 70 ....1.7

87 ....3.4 78 ....2.5 69 ....1.6

86 ....3.3 77 ....2.4 68 ....1.5

85 ....3.2 76 ....2.3 67 ....1.4

**The above schedule and procedures in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.**