

Important Course Information
Math 1375/OL79 - Precalculus
Fall 2020, Mon/Wed 12p-1:40p (on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra)

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Office Hours: Thursdays 11am-12pm (also on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra) & by appointment

We will be using three online platforms this semester:

- (1) **Blackboard:** We will be using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra for our online class sessions:

https://bbhosted.cuny.edu/webapps/collab-ultra/tool/collabultra?course_id=_1933219_1

I will also use Blackboard for posting announcements (which you will also receive via email) and for collecting written assignments (such as quizzes and exams).

- (2) **OpenLab:** We will use CityTech's OpenLab for sharing course-related content and for online participation assignments (e.g., do the "Introduce Yourself" assignment posted on the course site):

- our course profile: <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/groups/math1375-ganguli-fall2020/>
- our course site: <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/math1375-ganguli-fall2020/>

*Please **set up an OpenLab account and "join" our course profile** to get email notifications about posts and uploads to the OpenLab site:*

- *For instructions on setting up an OpenLab account, see <http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/blog/help/openlab-help/>*
- *You can still access all the OpenLab material without setting up an account (by design, the OpenLab is "open"!)*

- (3) **WebWork (online homework):**

<http://mathww.citytech.cuny.edu/webwork2/MAT1375-F20-Ganguli-OL79>

Most homework assignments will be via WebWork! To login, your username is your "first initial+last name" and your password is your student ID#. Try to log in right now!

Additional course materials:

Textbook (free!): *Precalculus (2nd Edition)* by Thomas Tradler & Holly Carley

- download from <http://websupport1.citytech.cuny.edu/faculty/ttradler/precaculus.html>

Course outline/syllabus

- download from: <http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/mathematics/docs/courses/MAT1375.pdf>

Grading:

A = 93.0 - 100.0

C+ = 77.0 - 79.9

W = withdrawal before **Nov 6**

A- = 90.0 - 92.9

C = 70.0 - 76.9

WF = withdrawal after Nov 6

B+ = 87.0 - 89.9

D = 60.0 - 69.9

B = 83.0 - 86.9

F = 0 - 59.9

B- = 80.0 - 82.9

Midterm exams (15%*2 = 30%): There will be **2 midterm exams** during the semester.

- The midterm exams will consist of a set of WebWork exercises along with submitting accompanying written solutions.

Final Exam (25%): The final exam will be on the last meeting of the semester (**date TBA**). The final will cover all the topics studied, and will be very similar in format to the midterm exams. The final exam must be taken to pass the course.**Homework (20%):** Homework assignments and due dates will be announced in class & on OpenLab. Most of the homework assignments will be online via WebWork; there may also be some written homework assignments that will be handed out in class.

- The best preparation for the exams is to **do all the homework**, and to **ask for help** with any exercises that you have questions about.

Quizzes (10%): There will be approximately 5 quizzes over the course of the semester. Each quiz will consist of one or two exercises, which will be **very similar to the homework**. Quiz dates will be announced in class & on Blackboard.**Participation (10%):** You are expected to participate in class and in online activities on OpenLab. Details for earning your participation grade will be discussed in class and posted on OpenLab (see <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/math1375-ganguli-fall2020/participation/>).**Project (5%):** We will be doing a class project on exponential growth over the course of the semester. Details will be announced in class and posted on OpenLab.**Attendance:** The college requires that attendance be recorded at each class session.

- **Please make every effort to attend our online class sessions.**

Tips for Success: If you want to do well in the course and learn the material:

- **Log on for the online class sessions**--take notes and ask questions.
- **Read the textbook**--especially the examples.
- **Do the homework**--ask about any exercises that you don't understand completely.
- **Take advantage of additional resources**--log on for office hours, use the free on-campus tutoring (TBA), take advantage of online material (e.g., videos)