

Important Course Information
Math 1375/D572 - Precalculus
Spring 2019, Tu/Fri 10a-11:40a (N228/N706)

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

- download from <http://websupport1.citytech.cuny.edu/faculty/ttradler/precaculus.html>
- also available on the OpenLab course profile (under "Files")

WebWork (online homework):

- <http://mathww.citytech.cuny.edu/webwork2/MAT1375-S19-Ganguli/>

Most homework assignments will be via WebWork! To login, your username should consist of your "first initial+last name" and your password is your student ID#.

OpenLab course website:

- <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/groups/mat1375-ganguli-spring2019/>
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*Please **set up an OpenLab account and "join" the course profile** to get notifications about announcements & supplementary material that will be posted to the discussion forums, uploaded files, etc.*

- *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 using the links above (by design, the OpenLab is "open"!)*

Course outline/syllabus - download from OpenLab or Math Department:

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

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/groups/mat2440-ganguli-fall2018/files/>

Grading:

A = 93.0 - 100.0

A- = 90.0 - 92.9

B+ = 87.0 - 89.9

B = 83.0 - 86.9

B- = 80.0 - 82.9

C+ = 77.0 - 79.9

C = 70.0 - 76.9

D = 60.0 - 69.9

F = 0 - 59.9

W = withdrawal before **April 1**

WF = withdrawal after April 1

Midterm exams (15%*3 = 45%): There will be **4 midterm exams**. The lowest of your 4 scores will be dropped, and your 3 highest midterm scores will each count as 15% of your final grade.

- There will be **no makeup exams**. A missed exam will count as a 0 and will be the lowest exam score that is dropped. Each exam date will be announced in class at least one week ahead of time.

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 (15%): 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 10 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 OpenLab.

Participation/Attendance (5%): You are expected to participate in class and in online activities on the OpenLab course site. Details for contributing to your participation grade 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 class, and to arrive on time.**
- Important information will be conveyed at the beginning of each class, and it is very disruptive if you walk into class late. Late arrivals will be recorded.

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

- **Attend class**--take notes and ask questions.
- **Read the book**--especially the examples.
- **Do the homework**--ask about any exercises that you don't understand completely.
- **Take advantage of additional resources**--come to office hours, use the free on-campus tutoring, take advantage of online tutorials.