# New York City College of Technology Course Syllabus Spring 2020 

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Course: MAT1375 - Pre-calculus, Section D574
Class meets: Mon \& Wed, 12:00pm - 1:40pm in N717
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Textbook: Precalculus, by Thomas Tradler \& Holly Carley, $2^{\text {nd }}$ ed.(2.6); the PDF is available here: http://websupport1.citytech.cuny.edu/faculty/ttradler/precalculus.html

Course Outline: Topics to be covered and corresponding sections in textbook are on available at the link above as well as on the attached pages.

Materials: In addition to the basic supplies (notebook, pens, etc.) a TI-84 graphing calculator is required for the course. You will need it for the HW and on exams.

Exams (50\% of grade): There will be three (3) in-class exams. NO make-ups for missed exams will be given.

Final Exam ( $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ of grade): The final exam will take place during the last class of the semester. You must take the final exam to pass the course.

Homework ( $\mathbf{1 7 . 5 \%}$ of grade): You will submit homework for this course through the online homework system, WeBWork. You will receive an email with instructions for how to log-in.

You will generally have one week to complete a WeBWork assignment (the due date of each assignment is clearly displayed next to its name) after that point you can still try the problems and have them autograded but you will not receive credit for them. Do not leave WeBWork assignments to the last minute so you have enough time to ask me questions if you get stuck.

## Quizzes (7.5\% of grade):

We will have regular short quizzes at the beginning of class on problems from the HW and/or problems and topics discussed in the previous class. There will be NO make-ups for missed quizzes and no extra time will be given to students who come late.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. If you are excessively absent or late and you fail the course, you will receive a $\mathbf{W U}$ grade rather than an $\mathbf{F}$.

> Grading:
> $\mathrm{A}=93.0-100$
> $\mathrm{~A}-=90.0-92.9$
> $\mathrm{~B}+=87.0-89.9$
> $\mathrm{~B}=83.0-86.9$
> $\mathrm{~B}-=80.0-82.9$
> $\mathrm{C}+=77.0-79.9$
> $\mathrm{C}=70.0-76.9$
> $\mathrm{D}=60.0-69.9$
> $\mathrm{~F}=0-59.9$

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| Topic | Homework |
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| 1. The absolute value | Exercises 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 (a)-(e), 1.4 (a)-(f), 1.6, 1.7 (a)-(f) |
| 2. Lines and functions | Exercises 2.1 (a)-(c), 2.3 (a)-(c), 2.5-2.8 all |
| 3. Functions by formulas and graphs | Exercises 3.1 (a)-(b), 3.2, 3.4 (a)-(f), 3.6 (a)-(f), 3.7 (a)-(g) and (m)-(t), <br> $3.8,3.9$ |
| 4. Introduction to the TI-84 | Exercise 4.1, 4.2 (a), 4.3 (c)-(i), 4.6 |
| 5. Basic functions and transformations | Exercise 5.1, 5.2 (a)-(f), 5.3 (a)-(d), 5.5 (a)-(e) |
| 6. Operations on functions | Exercise 6.1 (a)-(c), 6.2 (a)-(b), 6.3 (a)-(d), 6.4 (a)-(c), 6.5 (a)-(b), 6.6, 6.7 |
| 7. The inverse of a function | Exercise 7.1 (a)-(c), 7.2 (a)-(f) and (l)-(p), 7.3 (a)-(c), 7.4 (a)-(c), 7.5 (a) <br> and (d) |
| 8. Dividing polynomials <br> (8.3 Synthetic division is optional) | Exercise 8.1 (a)-(c) and (j)-(k), $8.2,8.3,8.4 ~(a)-(d) ~$ <br> (Optional: 8.5 (a)-(d)) |
| 9. Graphing polynomials <br> (9.3 Graphing polynomials by hand is optional) | Exercise 9.1-9.3 all, 9.4 (a)-(c), 9.5 (a)-(c) <br> (Optional: 9.6) |
| 10. Roots of polynomials <br> (10.1 Rational root theorem is optional) | Exercise 10.2 (a)-(d), 10.3 (a)-(c), 10.4 (a)-(c) and (f)-(h), 10.5 (a)-(c) and <br> (f)-(i) <br> (Optional: 10.1$) ~$ |
| 11. Rational functions <br> (11.2 Graphing rational functions by hand is optional) | Exercise 11.1-11.4 all |
| 12. Polynomial and rational inequalities | Exercise 12.1 (a)-(c), 12.2 (g)-(j), 12.4 (a)-(f), 12.5 |
| 13. Exponential and logarithmic functions | Exercise 13.1 (a)-(f), 13.2 (a)-(e), 13.4, 13.5 (a)-(b), 13.6 (a)-(h) |
| 14. Properties of exp and log | Exercise 14.1 (a)-(e), 14.2 (a)-(f), 14.3 (a)-(c) and (e), 14.4 (e)-(g), 14.5 <br> (a)-(e) |
| 15. Applications of exp and log | Exercise 15.1 (a)-(b), 15.3-15.8 all |
| 16. Half-life and compound interest | Exercise 16.1-16.7 all, 16.9 (a)-(c), 16.10 (a)-(e) |
| 17. Trigonometric functions | Exercise 17.1 (a)-(d) and (g)-(h), 17.3, 17.4, 17.5 (a)-(d), 17.6 (a)-(g) |


| 18. Addition of angles and multiple angle formulas | Exercise 18.1 (a)-(e), 18.2 (a)-(b), 18.3 (a)-(d), 18.4 (a)-(d) |
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| 19. Inverse trigonometric functions | Exercise 19.1, 19.2 (a)-(j), 19.3 (a)-(c) and (g)-(i) |
| 20. Trigonometric equations | Exercise 20.1 (a)-(d), 20.2 (a)-(b), 20.4 (a)-(k), 20.5 (a) |
| 21. Complex numbers | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Exercise } 21.1 \text { (a)-(c), } 21.2 \text { (b)-(e), } 21.3 \text { (a)-(c), } 21.4 \text { (a)-(d), } 21.5 \text { (c)-(d), } \\ & 21.6 \text { (a)-(d), } 21.7 \text { (a)-(d) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 22. Vectors in the plane | Exercise 22.1 (a) and (d), 22.2 (a)-(d), 22.3 (b)-(f) and (k)-(m), 22.4 (a)(b) |
| 23. Sequences and series | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Exercise } 23.1 \text { (a)-(c), } 23.3 \text { (a)-(d), } 23.4 \text { (a)-(d), } 23.5 \text { (a)-(b), } 23.7 \text { (a)-(b) } \\ & \text { and (e)-(i) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 24. The geometric series | Exercise 24.1 (a)-(d), 24.2 (a)-(c), 24.3 (a)-(b) and (e)-(i), 24.4 (c) and (f)(i), 24.5 (a) |
| 25. The binomial theorem | Exercise 25.1 (a) and (i)-(l), 25.2 (b), 25.3 (a)-(d), 25.4 (a)-(d), 25.5 (a)(d), 25.6 (a)-(d) |

