

Precalculus Part 1 Syllabus



Course Description

Precalculus Part 1 is designed to introduce students to the foundational principals necessary for success in calculus courses, as well as foster math inquiry and problem solving skills. The course has been divided into four units:

Unit 1: Introduction to Functions

Unit 2: Polynomials and Rational Functions

Unit 3: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

Unit 4: Introduction to Trigonometry

In addition, the course will also have you develop 21st Century Skills in *Critical Thinking* as well as the attribute of Gratitude. You will find more information on the skill and attribute in the Getting Started module.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this class. However, we recommend that you take the classes that come before this course. There are different course tracks that students take before precalculus. Two common tracks are:

Track A: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry

or

Track B: Secondary 1, Secondary 2, Secondary 3

Other similar tracks may use different names. Be sure you have taken the courses that prepare you for precalculus before you start this course.

Course Materials

There are no textbooks required for this course, all content can be found within the course lesson pages.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Evaluate, create, analyze, and interpret linear equations, systems of linear equations, and absolute value equations, from context, equation, and graph forms.
2. Evaluate, create, analyze, and interpret polynomial functions and rational equations with real or complex solutions.
3. Evaluate, create, analyze, and interpret exponential and logarithmic functions.
4. Evaluate, interpret, and apply trigonometric functions and inverse trig functions to arcs, angles, and triangles.

Grading and Assignments

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams.

Grading Scale

Assignment or Exam	Grading	Percent of Total Grade
Topic Assignments	Computer Graded	20%

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Application Problems	Teacher Graded	15%
Module Quizzes	Computer Graded	35%
Content Guides	Teacher Graded	10%
Mid-Course Quiz and Final Exam	Computer Graded	20%

Topic Assignments

Each module consists of four topics. Each topic has one assignment where you will be asked to demonstrate your knowledge of the content learned from the lesson material. In total there are 56 assignments in the course. You will have unlimited attempts.

Content Guides

Every module will have a Content Guide to help you take notes on the key topics in the lessons. Be sure to fill out the Content Guides because you will submit it for a grade

You will submit the your completed content guides at the end of the last module in each unit. Content Guides are graded based on completion, so you will get full points if you have everything filled out.

Application Problems and Final Project

Each module has four application problems of which you will choose two to complete. You will get a sneak peek of one of the module application problems in module lesson. At the end of each module is where you will complete the two application problems of your choice. You will submit the application problems according to the submission schedule that can be found at the top of each application problem page.

These application problems are meant to challenge you to apply what you learned to real-world problems. There are instructions, templates, and a rubrics provided to help you be successful in completing this portion of the course.

Module Quizzes

At the end of each module you will take a quiz that covers all topics taught. While you have unlimited attempts for assignment questions, module quizzes will only allow for 2 attempts at each question, and do not generate additional questions.

Exams

You will complete these exams during the course.

Mid-Course Quiz: The mid-course quiz is found in Module 8 and covers all of the material learned in Modules 1-7.

Final Exam: The final exam is found in Module 16 and is a comprehensive final that covers all material learned in the course from Module 1-15.

Final Grade

Your letter grade will be calculated according to these percentages.

Percent to Letter Grade Calculation	
A	100% – 93%
A–	92% – 90%
B+	89% – 87%
B	86% – 83%

Percent to Letter Grade Calculation	
B-	82% – 80%
C+	79% – 77%
C	76% – 73%
C-	72% – 70%
D+	69% – 67%
D	66% – 63%
D-	62% – 60%
F	59% – 0%