Course Syllabus: Sp21 MATH D032 52Z, Precalculus II

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Course Description:

In this course, we will explore the theory of trigonometric functions and their applications.

Course Content:

1. Unit circle and right triangle trigonometry
2. Graphing trigonometric functions: period, amplitude, phase shifts
3. Inverse trigonometric functions
4. Modeling with periodic functions
5. Trigonometric identities and inverse trigonometric identities
6. Verifying trigonometric identities and solving trigonometric equations
7. Polar coordinates
8. Polar form of complex numbers
9. 2-dimensional vectors

Textbook and Calculator:

Great news: your textbook for this class is available for **free** online!

Precalculus from OpenStax (Links to an external site.), ISBN 1-947172-06-9

You have several options to obtain this book:

- View online (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.)
- Download a PDF (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.)
- Order a print copy (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.)

You can use whichever formats you want. Viewing online is recommended -- the responsive design works seamlessly on any device.

You will need a scientific calculator for this class. This can be a physical or an online app, such as the one at https://www.desmos.com/scientific (Links to an external site.). Occasionally, you will find a graphing calculator to be handy. You may use the one at https://www.desmos.com/calculator (Links to an external site.).

Prepared Lecture Notes:

The PDFs for prepared lecture notes will be shared with you in 'Modules'. These are designed to help you keep your lecture notes organized. Please print them, or open on a tablet if you have the ability to annotate electronically. As you watch the prerecorded video lectures, take notes! If you don't have access to a printer or a tablet, then simply take notes in a regular notebook, as you would in any other class. I hope that being able to pause and replay portions of the video will help you master the lecture material.

Weekly Schedule:

- **Saturday through Tuesday** (and other days)**:** Read textbook, watch lecture videos (and take notes), work on homework, problem sets, respond to discussion boards, and study!
- **Wednesdays:** Online HW is due by 11:59pm
- **Thursdays**: Weekly Problem Set is to be submitted by 11:59pm
- **Fridays**: Take quiz/exam at any point between 12am and 11:59pm.

If, for any reason, you stop participating and intend to drop the class, please do an official drop in a timely manner. If you fail to do so, you will receive an 'F' in the class. Follow the deadlines for this class in My Portal. I do not have the ability to make exceptions to these.

Important Notes:

- Since we are conducting the class fully online, I will look for your engagement through participation during synchronous sessions, and through the submission of assignments. Be sure to submit all first week and second week assignments to get into the "rhythm" of the class. Please note that if you're not submitting any assignments, I will assume that you are not interested in the taking the class and may drop you (so you can get your refund)!
- Taking classes online comes with a set of challenges, such as staying motivated, conflicts with work and other responsibilities, working with classmates, getting help on material, feeling a sense of community with the class, lack of ideal workspace, in addition to technical issues, such as device malfunction and unreliable internet access. Almost half of all student report staying motivated as their greatest challenge. Here are my top recommendations for succeeding in my class in the online setting:
    1. **Log into our course in Canvas every day!** Check for upcoming deadlines and make sure you are aware of them.
    2. **Turn everything in!** Every homework, every discussion, every problem set. Also, don't miss any quizzes or exams.
    3. **Prepare for quizzes and exams as if they were closed-notes assessments.** That is, prepare as if you were allowed only paper, pencil and calculator. Preparing this way for quizzes will help you retain the material for exams. Preparing this way for exams will help you retain this material for when you need it for the next math or physics class(es).
    4. **Come to office hours, ask for appointments, and post/answer in discussions.** You can feel quite isolated in a fully asynchronous class. Engaging with your classmates and me will help you stay motivated.

5. **Don't wait to ask for help!** I cannot know what you don't tell me, especially in fully online, asynchronous setting. If you're dealing with an unusual or an unexpected challenge, please let me know if I can do something to help keep the class manageable for you.

Office Hours:

- Mondays 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Zoom link: https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/97458286911 (Links to an external site.))
- Wednesdays 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Zoom link: https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/93287281341 (Links to an external site.))
- Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/95775202592 (Links to an external site.))
- Or, by appointment (email me to schedule)

Homework and Problem Sets

The best way to succeed in any math class is doing all of the assigned work correctly and in a timely manner, making sure you really understand what you are doing! Focus on how to think mathematically about problems, not just on following a procedure or learning a skill! Time spent on the homework and in-class group work on problem sets will directly benefit you on quizzes and exams.

Online Homework: You will have online homework for each section we cover. The homework will be embedded within Canvas, and will be graded for correctness. The links are within the modules. When doing the online HW, if you find yourself struggling with a question, use 'Message Instructor' button within the problem. I will get the message and respond soon (usually within 12 hours). The online HW for the week will be due on Wednesdays by 11:59pm. You will have 5 late passes, each of which will give you a 24-hour extension.

Problem Sets: Each week, we will have a problem set that you will work on. These problems will be posted as a PDF in the Canvas modules. You are to work them out on paper, and submit them individually by the deadline on Thursday. These sets include problem-solving and critical-thinking exercises that rely on your conceptual understanding of the material and related skills.

Problem Sets Submission Guidelines:

- *Write up your solutions independently, and in a way that represents your understanding of the content.*
- *Label each problem clearly – use highlighter to mark the number, or put a box around it, so it's easy to find. You don't need to write the question, just fully-worked out solutions.*
- *Do the problems in order, showing all work neatly, clearly and completely.*
- *Write your solutions out in full detail, as modeled in the textbook and in lectures. It's important to write up problem sets neatly, showing all work, and explaining the logic behind each step. You should also draw well-labeled and appropriately scaled diagrams and graphs when they are helpful in understanding your solution.*
- *Submit a single PDF document, NOT multiple images. Use the Notes app on iOS, or a scanning app such as Adobe Scan or Genius Scan (both free), or something else from among many options.*

Be sure to check that your scanned copy is legible. I will need to be able to read it for you to get points.

- *Problem sets are due on Thursdays by 11:59pm. You can have a 24-hour extension with 10% penalty.*

Participation:

Even though this is an online class, you are expected to participate. I expect you to:

- Participate in weekly discussion boards (it's part of your grade)
- Post and answer questions in discussion boards (1 point extra credit for posting or answering a question, up to a maximum of 5 extra credit points per chapter)
- Engage with me over email, during office hours, or through appointment, to get your questions answered

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Quizzes:

We will have eight 20-minute quizzes (see the last page of this document for calendar). These will be similar to your online homework. You will be able to take the quizzes on Fridays any time between 12am and 11:59pm. *IMPORTANT: There will be NO MAKEUPS for any of the quizzes. However, your lowest quiz score will be dropped.*

Exams:

We will have three midterm exams, and a <u>cumulative</u> final exam. See the calendar for the dates. Midterm exams will be 1 hour, and must be taken on Fridays between 12am and 11:59pm.

A cumulative final exam will be given during finals week. This 2-hour exam must be taken over the 48-hour period from Wednesday 12am to Thursday 11:59pm.

The dates are listed on the calendar.

IMPORTANT: In case of an unforeseen emergency or illness due to which you cannot take an exam, please get in touch with me immediately, and I can work with you to find a solution. If this happens for the final exam, that may result in an 'Incomplete' (provided that you supply me with a sufficient proof).

Evaluation:

Your final grade will be computed as follows:

Category		Points
Homework	18 @ 5 points each	90
Problem Sets	11 @ 10 points each	110
Weekly Discussions	10 @ 7 points each	70
Quizzes	Top 7 @ 15 points each	105
Exams	3 @ 65 points each	195
Final Exam		80
TOTAL		650

Overall percentage	Your grade will be at least
97 % or greater	A+
92% to less than 97%	A
89% to less than 92%	A-
87% to less than 89%	B+
82% to less than 87%	B
79% to less than 82%	B-
75% to less than 79%	C+
70% to less than 75%	C
55% to less than 70%	D
less than 55%	F

Help:

1. Your classmates are a great resource. Ask for help and provide help to others using Canvas discussion boards!
2. Message me through Canvas with questions or attend office hours. On online homework, you can message me by using 'Message Instructor' button.
3. Get help from De Anza's Math Student Success Center. See details at http://deanza.edu/studentsuccess/ (Links to an external site.).
4. Use NetTutor for help through Canvas.
5. If you need any technical help with MyPortal, Zoom, Canvas, etc., visit https://www.deanza.edu/online-winter/#Learning (Links to an external site.).
6. On the link above, under 'Student Services and Support', you will find links to services with some specific to this time, such as for help with tech equipment, food and financial assistance, health services, resources for undocumented students, etc.

Academic Integrity:

All students are expected to exercise academic integrity throughout the term. Any instances of cheating or plagiarism will result in disciplinary action, which may include recommendation for dismissal. You are encouraged to work together on homework but simply copying down from someone else's work is wrong!

Also, that activity will be of no help to you later. Cheating on a quiz or an exam will result in getting a 0 on it, an 'F' in the course or dismissal from the class. Also, each incident of cheating will be reported to the Dean of the Physical Science, Mathematics and Engineering Division. Please see the De Anza College's page on Academic Integrity: https://www.deanza.edu/policies/academic_integrity.html (Links to an external site.).

Disability Notice:

If you feel that you may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, please contact me privately to discuss your specific needs. Also, please contact Disability Support Programs & Services through https://www.deanza.edu/dsps/ (Links to an external site.) for information or questions about eligibility, services and accommodations for physical, psychological or learning disabilities.

Miscellaneous:

In any math class, and especially this one, your goal should be to get **ownership** of the material. This means that you understand the concepts, can demonstrate the skills, and explain the concepts and skills to someone that doesn't have them. When I teach Calculus, I find that the students are the weakest in their trigonometry background. Those with weak trigonometric backgrounds (and generally, precalculus background) often don't do well in Calculus because of lack of prerequisite skills. So, this is not a "learn and forget" class. Rather, it's a "learn well so you remember" class. Here are some tips to help you succeed.

1. **Stay on schedule**. While the video lectures can be watched any time, you should stick to the schedule I have recommended on the calendar. Don't fall behind! Be disciplined about this to stay on top of the class. When you watch the videos, take careful notes in the prepared lecture notes. Writing aids memory so you are more likely to retain the material you watched.
2. To succeed in any math class you must **do your work (homework and problems sets) diligently**. I am aware that there are many sources that can provide you the answers and even the worked solutions to homework problems; however, such resources will be only be of so much use if you don't understand what you're doing. **Productive struggle** is essential in learning most things, especially mathematics. To learn and retain the material, you must sweat through the problems, especially ones that challenge you.
3. **Form a virtual study group**. Exchange your contact information with at least 3 other people in the class. This will come in handy if you want to work with someone on homework, problem set, or while studying for an exam. **This is an essential college skill, especially for STEM students.**
4. **Read the textbook**! Simply watching the lectures is not enough to give you a complete idea of the material. I expect you to be familiar with the examples in the textbook in addition to video lecture examples. I will cover different examples in the lecture videos than those in the textbook. Studying a richer set of examples will benefit you.
5. **Review your notes** regularly and keep them complete! Ask questions about anything that's unclear in a timely manner to avoid losing points on quizzes and exams.
6. **Ask questions**! Whether it's to your classmates, me or a tutor, get your questions answered in a timely manner.

7. Make **summary review sheets** of important concepts for yourself throughout the term to make sure you have the key concepts, facts and skills organized in your head. This will help you prepare better for exams, but more importantly, it will come in handy when you truly need this material in Calculus and beyond.
8. **The quarter passes by faster than expected** – especially if you're new to the quarter system – and it's almost impossible to catch up, so plan accordingly.
9. **Practice discipline**! Succeeding in a college class requires personal discipline. This is especially true for online classes. It's quite easy to put things off until later, skip some video lectures, skip taking notes while watching them, distracting yourself with social media and other apps while studying. A life skill you are expected to practice in the online setting is: Be mindful of what you are giving your attention to. Think carefully about your priorities, and give the most time and attention to your biggest priorities. Don't put off working on them because the task at the moment is hard or unpleasant. Learning anything that's worthwhile requires a sustained effort and discipline! And that practice is what ultimately leads to personal growth.

Math 32 Precalculus II - Tentative Calendar: Spring 2021

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	3-Apr	4-Apr	5-Apr	6-Apr	7-Apr	8-Apr	9-Apr
	Watch Videos: 5.1				5.1 HW due	Problem Set due	**Quiz 1** (on 5.1)
Week 2	10-Apr	11-Apr	12-Apr	13-Apr	14-Apr	15-Apr	16-Apr
	Watch Videos: 5.2, 5.3				5.2, 5.3 HW due	Problem Set due	**Quiz 2** (on 5.2, 5.3)
Week 3	17-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	20-Apr	21-Apr	22-Apr	23-Apr
	Watch Videos: 5.4, 6.1				5.4, 6.1 HW due	Problem Set due	**Quiz 3** (on 5.4, 6.1)
Week 4	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr
	Watch Video: 6.2				6.2 HW due	Problem Set due	**Midterm Exam 1** (on 5.1 - 6.2)
Week 5	1-May	2-May	3-May	4-May	5-May	6-May	7-May
	Watch Videos: 6.3, 7.1				6.3, 7.1 HW due	Problem Set due	**Quiz 4** (on 6.3, 7.1)
Week 6	8-May	9-May	10-May	11-May	12-May	13-May	14-May
	Watch Videos: 7.2, 7.3				7.2, 7.3 HW due	Problem Set due	**Quiz 5** (on 7.2, 7.3)
Week 7	15-May	16-May	17-May	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May
	Watch Videos: 7.5, 7.6				7.5, 7.6 HW due	Problem Set due	**Midterm Exam 2** (on 6.3 - 7.6)
Week 8	22-May	23-May	24-May	25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May
	Watch Videos: 8.1, 8.2				8.1, 8.2 HW due	Problem Set due	**Quiz 6** (on 8.1, 8.2)
Week 9	29-May	30-May	31-May	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun
	Watch Videos: 8.3, 8.4				8.3, 8.4 HW due	Problem Set due	**Quiz 7** (on 8.3, 8.4)
Week 10	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	8-Jun	9-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun
	Watch Video: 8.5				8.5 HW due	Problem Set due	**Midterm Exam 3** (on 8.1-8.5)
Week 11	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun	16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun
	Watch Video: 8.8				8.8 HW due	Problem Set due	**Quiz 8** (on 8.8)
Finals Week	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun
	Prepare for Final Exam				**Final Exam** (on 5.1 - 8.8)		

Student Learning Outcome(s):

* Formulate, construct, and evaluate trigonometric models to analyze periodic phenomena, identities, and geometric applications.