



**Math 31: Precalculus I**  
**Fall 2022, CRN 25969, Section 29**  
**Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 PM to 6:15 PM**  
**Location: S46**

**Instructor Information**

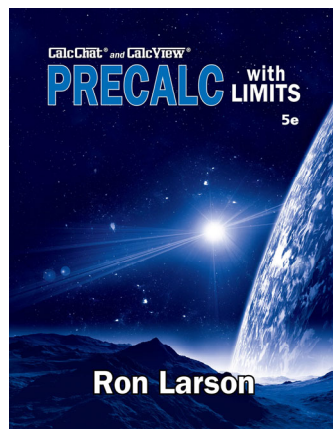
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**Course Description**

This course covers polynomial, rational, exponential and logarithmic functions, graphs, solving equations, conic sections, systems of equations and inequalities, sequences and series.

**Prerequisite**

Intermediate Algebra (MATH 109, MATH 114 or MATH 130) or equivalent.  
Advisory: EWRT 211 and READ 211 (or LART 211), or ESL 272 and 273



**Required Textbook**

Precalc with Limits 5th Edition by Ron Larson;  
Publisher: Cengage Learning (January 1, 2021)  
Language: English; Hardcover: 1120 pages  
ISBN-10: 0357457854; ISBN-13: 978-0357457856  
Item Weight: 5.55 pounds  
Dimensions: 8.7 x 1.7 x 10.9 inches

*Important Notes: It is not necessary to purchase a hard copy of this book because you will not be asked to solve textbook problems on paper. The PDF of an older edition is on Canvas (see Files, Textbook folder).*

### Calculator

Graphing calculator is **highly recommended** for the course. TI-84 Plus or Plus CE is highly recommended. This calculator is widely used in math, science, and engineering courses. You are required to bring a physical calculator to the exam, and sharing calculator is considered as cheating incident. Using the calculator apps on your phone is strictly prohibited on the exam. Do not purchase the TI-Nspire Graphing Calculator (around \$150) because it is too advanced for this course. Instructions will not be provided for TI-Nspire.



### Technical Requirements

- **Your Email:** Please check your email regularly. If possible, connect your email with an app in your smartphone. You are welcome to ask me any questions related to lecture, homework, or personal emergency through email. **Please following the format of the subject line stated below.**

**“Math 31: \_\_\_\_\_”**

**You write your inquiry after the colon. For example  
Math 31: Request Extension for Homework 2**

- **WebAssign (Work System):** Homework, quizzes, and exams will be assigned and graded on WebAssign. If an assignment is required to be completed on paper, you are required to scan your work and upload it to Canvas. WebAssign is **not free**. You must pay for your own account before the free trial period ends. Otherwise, you will not be able to complete any assignments until you make a payment. The **first module** on Canvas contains a link to register your WebAssign account and another link to access to WebAssign. Alternatively, you can login WebAssign on your web browser though the link <https://www.webassign.net/>.
- **Canvas (Main Learning Management System):** WebAssign has been integrated to Canvas. Each weekly **module** contains the lecture videos and the weekly assignment. The first module has 3 links – the first link for register your WebAssign account, the second link for accessing WebAssign from Canvas, and the third link for Cengage technical support. There are 2 ways to access an assignment. The first way is to

click on the assignment on Canvas, it will direct you to WebAssign. The second way is to login WebAssign using the link above. **Scores on WebAssign will automatically roll over to the grade book on Canvas. At least one homework and one quiz will be assigned weekly. It is strongly recommended that you check your WebAssign account frequently because late assignments will count as no credits.**

### **WebAssign Class Key and WebAssign-Canvas Integration**

Go to [www.webassign.net](http://www.webassign.net) to register for your account. Please take the advantage of the free trial and do not pay anything yet. **All purchases are non-refundable.** There is no class key for this course because WebAssign has been integrated to Canvas. **Make sure your name on WebAssign matches your official name on Canvas.** Note, if you have a name that you preferred to be called but this name is not in the school system, do not use it on WebAssign. **Please capitalize the first letter of your first and last name. For example, type “Andrew” instead of “andrew”. Your instructor is not an employee of WebAssign. If you experience any technical difficulty on WebAssign, please contact them to speak to a customer representative.**

### **Scanning Your Paperwork**

If an assignment is expected to finish on paper, you have to download the assignment from Canvas, print the assignment, and complete the assignment. If you do not have a scanner at home, use a free app called Genius Scan. It allows you to take pictures of your work and merge multiple pictures into one PDF document. *Submitting multiple pictures is not allowed. Points will be deducted if you do so.*



### **Canvas**

There are a few places that you have to visit frequently on Canvas.

- **Modules**  
Each weekly module shows the notes and homework of that week.
- **Files**  
Notes, books, and syllabus
- **Discussion**  
If we want to have a discussion regarding any topics, we will do this in the Discussion tab.

### **Attendance**

Since this is an in-person course, attendance will be taken in every meeting. Students who missed 3 meetings will be dropped from the course.

### **Homework, 10% of the Course Grade**

Problems will be assigned from each section taught in lecture. You are required to finish most of the homework on WebAssign. If an assignment is required to be written on paper, you have to scan your work, merge all the images into one PDF document with multiple pages, and submit to Canvas.

### **Quiz & Pop Quizzes, 15% of the Course Grade**

A quiz will be assigned and graded on WebAssign at the due date of every homework. All the quizzes are open-book and open-notes. Quiz is an individual assignment. You are required to do your own work. Group-work is strictly prohibited. **A random pop quiz may be given at the last 15 minutes of a lecture. Pop quiz is based on the materials covered within that lecture. You are allowed to use any notes to take the pop quiz. Be aware that pop quizzes are individual work.**

**Every homework and quiz score counts. Lowest score will not be dropped. Every student has **one chance** to receive one extension on homework and one extension on quizzes without penalties. This extension does not apply to midterms, final exam, and the last homework/quiz. More importantly, your one-time extension must be redeemed within 7 days after the due date. For example, if homework 1 is due on October 1st at 11:59pm, the deadline to request an extension is October 8th at 11:59pm.**

**The incident of falsifies information for financial aid is increasing in every school district. If you do not complete the first week's assignment or having no activities on Canvas, you will be dropped from the course.**

### **Midterm, 40% of the Course Grade (4th and 8th week)**

The exam will be assigned and graded on Canvas. Every student is required to take the exam in class. Please bring your fully charged tablet or laptop to class. You are allowed to bring 3 sheets (6 pages total, front of back) of notes. The notes can be typed or handwritten. Sharing calculator, tablet, or laptop is strictly prohibited and considered as cheating. All the exams are individual work. Students who cheat, plagiarize or help someone else cheat will be given a zero on the exam and a failing grade in the course.

**Final Exam, 35% of the Course Grade**

The final exam will be assigned and graded on Canvas. Every student is required to take the exam in class. Please bring your fully charged tablet or laptop to class. You are allowed to bring 5 sheets (10 pages total, front of back) of notes. The notes can be typed or handwritten. Sharing calculator, tablet, or laptop is strictly prohibited and considered as cheating. All the exams are individual work. Students who cheat, plagiarize or help someone else cheat will be given a zero on the exam and a failing grade in the course.

**Late Submission = Zero Credit; Every Score Counts**

Late submissions are not acceptable, and there is no exception. Do not ask for any extensions. Every score counts, and your lower score in all types of assignments mentioned above will **not** be dropped.

**Check Points:**

- Homework 10%, Quiz 15%, Midterm 40%, Final 35%; Zero credit to all the late and missing work, no exception.
- The due dates follow the United States Pacific Standard Time (PST). If you are taking this course outside PST zone, please check the difference between the two time zones.
- You are expected to check the due dates on your WebAssign account at least once a day to plan accordingly. Also, you are expected to check our Canvas page to see announcements and week module regularly.
- Comparing to homework, you will have much fewer attempts on quizzes and exams. Please solve the problems on a separate sheet of paper and double-check your work before submitting your answer to WebAssign. Additional attempts will not be granted for any reasons.

**Tutoring at the Student Success Center (SSC)**

The Student Success Center (SSC) has moved services into virtual rooms via Zoom for all forms of tutoring and workshops. You can also get free math tutoring services in-person.

Please visit the following website for details and schedules.

<https://www.deanza.edu/studentssuccess/mstrc/>

### Grading Rubrics

Your course grade will be assigned in the following standard:

A: 100% to 94%	A-: 93% to 90%	
B+: 89% to 86%	B: 85% to 83%	B-: 82% to 80%
C+: 79% to 75%	C: 74% to 70%	
D: 69% to 60%	F: below 60%	

All the cut-offs are not negotiable. For examples, 89% is not an A-minus and 69% is not a C. Transferring to UCs, CSUs, top-ranking universities, or scholarships are not a reason to ask for a higher grade.

### Extra Credit Assignment

There are no extra credit assignments in this course to improve your grade. Please do not ask for any.

### Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Any student attempting to defraud the instructor on a quiz, exam, final exam, or any other assessment item designated as an individual assignment will receive a zero on that assignment. This score is irreplaceable. If a cheating incident is detected on your work, the rest of your works in the course will be closely monitored and examined. All the assistant seekers and assistant providers will be reported to the college. *For example, bringing a quiz or an exam problem to a tutor is considered as cheating. Posting a quiz or an exam problem to websites such as Chegg, Course hero, or a forum is considered as cheating.*

### Course Content

Chapter 1: Functions and Their Graphs

- 1.1: Rectangular Coordinates
- 1.2: Graphs of Equations
- 1.3: Linear Equations in Two Variables
- 1.4: Functions
- 1.5: Analyze Graphs of Functions
- 1.6: A Library of Parent Functions
- 1.7: Transformations of Functions
- 1.8: Combinations of Functions: Composite Functions
- 1.9: Inverse Functions

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Chapter 2: Polynomial and Rational Functions

- 2.1: Quadratic Functions and Models
- 2.2: Polynomial Functions of Higher Degree
- 2.3: Polynomial and Synthetic Division
- 2.4: Complex Numbers
- 2.5: Zeros of Polynomial Functions
- 2.6: Rational Functions
- 2.7: Nonlinear Inequalities

Chapter 3: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

- 3.1: Exponential Functions and Their Graphs
- 3.2: Logarithmic Functions and Their Graphs
- 3.3: Properties of Logarithms
- 3.4: Exponential and Logarithmic Equations
- 3.5: Exponential and Logarithmic Models

Chapter 7: Systems of Equations and Inequalities

- 7.1: Linear and Nonlinear Systems of Equations
- 7.2: Two-Variable Linear Systems
- 7.3: Multivariable Linear Systems
- 7.5: Systems of Inequalities

Chapter 9: Sequences, Series, and Probability

- 9.1: Sequences and Series
- 9.2: Arithmetic Sequences and Partial Sums
- 9.3: Geometric Sequences and Series

Chapter 10: Topics in Analytic Geometry

- 10.2: Introduction to Conics: Parabolas
- 10.3: Ellipses
- 10.4: Hyperbolas
- 10.5: Rotation of Conics

**Academic Calendar:**

September 26: Fall classes begin

October 8: Last day to add classes

October 9: Last day to drop classes without a W

November 11 (Friday): Veteran Day holiday; no classes; campus closed

**November 18th: Last day to drop classes with “W”;** please [read the important notes below](#) regarding the withdrawal policy. To withdraw from this class, go to portal where you register this class, change the status from “registered” with “withdraw”. After you are done, please double-check your status.

November 24-27 (Thursday to Sunday): Thanksgiving holiday; no classes

December 12-16: Final exams week

**Important Note: It is student’s responsibility to drop or withdraw the class if that student decides not to finish the class. After the last day to withdraw is passed, student cannot withdraw from the class.**

**For Instructors Only:**

**October 10th (Monday): Census Day**

**Grades must be submitted by Wednesday, December 21st, by midnight**

*The professor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus, including project due dates and test dates (excluding the officially scheduled final examination), when unforeseen circumstances occur. These changes will be announced as early as possible so that students can adjust their schedules.*