Angelo State University-Dual Credit
Spring 2018 Math2312 Precalculus
Instructor: Mark Butz

Room 618  Tutorials M-F 7:50-8:10 and 3:40-4:00

Textbook: Precalculus, 5th edition  Robert Blitzer

Credit: 3 semester hours

Student Learning Objectives:

1. **Students will demonstrate factual knowledge including the mathematical notation and terminology used in this course.** Students will read, interpret, and use the vocabulary, symbolism and basic definitions used in Precalculus including the real numbers, exponents, radicals, polynomials, factoring, functions, equations, trigonometric functions, types of angle measure and notation, and conic sections.

2. **Students will describe the fundamental principles including the laws and theorems arising from the concepts covered in this course.** Students will identify and apply the laws and formulas that result directly from the definitions. For example, the student should be able to write and apply the quadratic formula, rules of exponents, properties of logarithms, characteristics of the trigonometric functions and their inverses, formulas of the conic sections, and formulas relating polar and rectangular coordinates.

3. **Students will apply course material along with the techniques and procedures covered in this course to solve problems.** Students will use the facts, formulas and techniques learned in this course to simplify algebraic expressions, graph functions, solve inequalities, equalities and systems of equations, solve trigonometric equations, and recognize and graph trigonometric functions, conic sections and algebraic curves.

4. **Students will develop specific skills, competencies, and thought processes sufficient to support further study or work in this field or related areas.** Students will acquire a level of proficiency in the fundamental concepts and applications necessary for success in calculus.
Grading Policy:

1. There will be four tests, each worth 15% of the total grade. The final exam will be worth 20%. If your final exam grade is greater than your lowest test score it will replace that score.
2. There will be approximately 10 quizzes which will total 10% of your final grade.
3. Homework will be assigned from the book and graded. It will be due the day after it is assigned. The grade will decrease by 20 points for each day it is late. The homework average will count as 10% of your total grade.
4. Homework guidelines:
   a. Work must be neat and well organized.
   b. Work can be done in pen or pencil but no cross-outs allowed. Erase errors completely.
   c. Don’t use paper torn from a spiral notebook.
   d. Work must accompany your answers unless the problems can be done mentally in one step.
   e. If figures are needed to complete a problem they should be drawn neatly.
   f. Box or highlight answers.
5. The grading scale is A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69 and F=<60.

   Academic Integrity: Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code which can be found at www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5pdf.

Student Conduct: Be kind and respectful to your classmates and instructor. Talking distracts people near you as well as the instructor. Cell phone use is prohibited in the classroom.

Website: I will occasionally post material at www.mbmath.com that will augment the classroom presentation. I will inform you when that happens, but feel free to go there anytime.

Students With Special Needs: Students who qualify for specific accommodations should notify me the first week of class.