MATH 1508
Course Syllabus
Spring 2008

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Contents: The course will of three Modules. Module 1 will cover the chapters 1 & 3 of the Textbook, Module 2 will cover the chapters 2, 7, 8 & 9 of the text book, and Module 3 will cover the chapters 4, 5 & 6 of text book (See the Modular Precalculus Newsletter).

Class Schedule: You must attend all the classes/labs.

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Theoretical Exam and Exit Exam: The Theoretical exam and the exit exam are administered in the classroom. Make up exams will be given only in extraordinary circumstances which must be documented as early as possible. (See the Modular Precalculus Newsletter)

Deadline: The last day to drop the course without a "W" is Wednesday, January 30. The last day to drop the course with a "W" is Thursday, March 20. Students will not be dropped by the instructor. Students who decide to drop the course must process a drop form, in person, at the Registrar’s Office, by March 20.
Format: Starting Spring Semester 2008, the Precalculus Modular Program will have a new design, made in the way to help better the students. Each week there will be 4 hours of instructions in the teaching classes and 2 hours of workshop with Peer Leaders. A student must attend in total 6 hours per week. In the lecture/teaching classes the student will perform regular activities, asked by the instructor. The corresponding lesson/work will be taught at this time. In the Workshop PL classes the students will approach more the concepts/lesson/knowledge, participating at a diversity of stated activities. These classes are mandatory and missing 4 classes/semester will automatically fail the Module. The student is asked to follow the PL’s instructions.

Test Out Exams: Test Out exam is not a mandatory exam. You can take the Test Out exam to pass a module that you haven’t passed yet or to increase the grade on the module that you have already passed. The Test Out Exams will be administered on the dates posted on the course webpage (http://www.math.utep.edu/classes/precalculus/home.html). The Test Out exam will be Computer based. For more information and updates check the course webpage.

Homework and quizzes: The homework will NOT be collected, but is the students’ responsibility to practice on the assigned exercises. Most of the questions on any Quiz, Class Assignment or Exam will be chosen from the homework sets. You may be asked to perform some Homework on the Eduspace site. Follow the instructions to register and answer to the ”Graded Homework”, using the passkey you got with your Textbook and the Course Code provided by the instructor. (See the Modular Precalculus Newsletter)

Grading: During the Spring 2008 there will be several unannounced quizzes, work in class (individually and in teams), mini-projects, challenge exercises, a Theoretical Test and an Exit Exam. Please refer to the attached scheduled for details. In order to be considered passed the part, the grade for the Exam must be at least 50/100. The Module 3 exit Exam will have two Parts: one comprehensive from Modules 1 and 2 and one from Module 3. For each part you need to obtain at least 50/100. The Exit Exam is mandatory. Missing the Exam might be reflected as failure of the part. No make-up work is allowed for the classes (including quizzes, tests, etc).

The grades will be counted in the following way:
Quizzes/Class participation/Take Home Quizzes 20
PL Workshop classes 10
Theoretical Test 20
Exit/Final Exam: 50
TOTAL 100

**Attendance and general policies:** It is the student’s responsibility to attend every class, if you miss a class, you will miss a lot of information. If you try to go from one class to another without studying, you will most likely be completely lost during the next class. Students are expected to arrive for class on time and to remain for the class entire period. It is essential to pay attention in class and take legible notes. It is important to read the textbook and work through the example problems given in the book and class. Students are expected to check the course webpage to find information about the course, projects, dates for the test out exams, and/or to check if they are attending the right class on the right classroom at the beginning of each module. A TI-89 calculator is highly recommended. Calculators may not be shared during quizzes and exams. Please do not use cell phones, pagers, IPods, MP3 players, blue tooth devices, etc. during class. Cell phones and pagers should be set to silent or vibrate, and any calls should be taken outside of class. Please do not wear headsets or blue tooth devices during class. Cell phone calculators may not be used on quizzes or exams. Failure to accomplish the above, as a minimum almost invariably ensures a less than satisfactory grade for this course. (For more information, visit the course webpage: http://www.math.utep.edu/classes/precalculus/home.html).