



College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Math and Statistics

MATH 1720 Precalculus II

Syllabus and other information:

This is Math 1720, Precalculus II (Trigonometry).

Designated **Textbook**: Precalculus, 10th edition, by Michael Sullivan, published by Prentice-Hall.

From the textbook, Math 1720 will cover: chapter 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Prerequisites: Two years of high school algebra, or Math 1710, or the equivalent.

Calculator: There is not any one particular calculator required for Math 1720. A basic scientific calculator (including trigonometric and logarithm functions) should be more than sufficient. *For some tests, you will not be allowed to use any calculator.*

Quizzes or other assignments will occur first thing when they happen. Late arrivals will not make up quizzes. Some quizzes will consist of in-class work, some will be homework or other outside class work taken up. At no time will homework be taken up the day after it is assigned.

We will have three chapter-type **Tests** throughout the semester. Tests will be announced at least one week in advance. **Except where specially noted, tests and quizzes will be no calculator allowed.** At no point will cellphone calculators be allowed on tests. You *must show steps of work* to get credit on quizzes and tests.

The **Final Exam** for this course is of necessity comprehensive. When the time comes, do NOT, repeat NOT, call the Math Department office to ask about grades. They do not have that information and could not give it out over the phone if they did.

A source of **Tutoring: Center for Academic Achievement (CFAA)**:

Location: 1st floor Sherrod Library
hours

Open: Library

Tutoring: Largely by appointment, some drop-in tutoring hours TBA

Your letter grade will be based on

3 in-class exams	= 1/2 of grade
Comprehensive Final	= 1/3 of grade
Quizzes or other assignments	= 1/6 of grade
	1 grade

with letter grades assigned as follows:

A = 90 - 100%; B = 80 - 89%; C = 70 - 79%; D = 66 - 69%; F < 66%;

with +, plain, or - reserved to the discretion of the instructor.

With each day's lecture, I will assign some homework problems. *If I forget, STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO **check d2l** for a homework assignment. In the absence of any other information, that day's homework is 'every other odd (1, 5, 9, 11, etc)' from the section covered that day.* I expect you to complete the problems and have questions about them for the following class period. With each day's lecture, I will also suggest reading from the textbook material that will be covered the next day. I *will* answer some homework questions each day. I *will not* have time to answer every question as fully as you might like. This is what my *office hours* and the *CFAA* are for. "See me in my office" is not a way to put you off, it is my recommendation for the best source of the help that you need. It is always possible for homework to be collected for a quiz grade.

You cannot hope to do well in any Mathematics class if you do not attend class and complete homework regularly. Quiz alert: This is a test to determine how many of you actually read the syllabus. Write your name, our class and section number, and the sentence 'I read the syllabus for Math 1720.' neatly on a piece of paper. Turn it in to my office by our second class meeting. For the effort, you will receive one 10/10 quiz grade to start your semester off. Please be discrete.

Attendance will not figure directly into your grade, however:

Departmental Attendance Requirement: The Department of Mathematics strongly advises students to attend all mathematics classes when physically able. Because there is a positive correlation between attendance and student success in mathematics, the following guidelines will be used in all mathematics courses. *Regardless of the reasons* for the absences, should a student exceed the following limits, the instructor has the authority to assign a grade of F or W.

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5 absences or more for classes that meet two days per week
...

Class *will meet* at all regularly scheduled times, including just before and after Fall Break and Thanksgiving Break. Arriving late or leaving early will count as ½ absence. If I notice you texting *during* class, or I can hear your ipod's music, you are absent that day. If you are absent three consecutive class meetings, I will assume that you have dropped the course and **remove you from my records** accordingly. *You will still need to drop officially through goldlink.*

Any necessary **exception** to the items noted on this syllabus will be much more comfortably dealt with promptly (preferably *before* the scheduled event), in writing and/or my office.

There is no such thing as a stupid question. Feel free to stop me anytime, anywhere for clarification. If you ask a question during class and I refer you to the CFAA or to my office, it is because I really do think you could be better helped in one of those places than in the classroom.

Professor Robe's campus email is robe@etsu.edu. I check it regularly, feel free to use it. robe@mail.etsu.edu goes to the exact same place.

I will occasionally post handouts and things on the site for our course on **D2L**. You should check it for information as you do the whiteboard in our classrooms. <https://elearn.etsu.edu/> and log in as you would to any campus computer. There will be a link for each of the classes in which you are enrolled.

PreCalculus II will be one of those. *When I need to email the entire class at once, I must go through d2l. D2l uses your ETSU email account. Make sure that you check this account regularly. You are responsible for any content that I post on d2l or send to your ETSU email address.* Regrettably, due to extremely high rate of hacking, I have had to block all 'yahoo' email from my ETSU email account. If you use a personal account to email me, I will not receive any yahoo email.

No cell phones, pagers, other devices which make noise that distracts me in class. Your classmates deserve that much respect. No texting in class.

Note the absence of a **make-up policy**. This is because *I don't do make-ups.*

Students will note that Robe's PreCalculus II class adheres to and enforces all University and Department policies.

The instructor reserves the right to change this syllabus, with due notice to the class, to best benefit the needs of the students.