

# UH Core Curriculum Supplement

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Academic Unit / Office NSM/Mathematics

Catalog Year of Implementation 2020-2021

Course (Prefix / Number) MATH / 1330

Course Title Precalculus

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## PROPOSAL ACTION TYPE:

- Add existing UH course to Core
- Add new UH Course to Core, see Course Proposal
- Revision current Core, switch Component Area
- Revision current Core, substantive change (e.g. prerequisites, course requirements, course level, restricted enrollment)

SYLLABUS ATTACHED

## **Core Proposal Rationale and Justification for adding/revising the course?**

Please provide a rationale for including, or continuing to include, this course in the UH Core Curriculum:

This is a standard course in precalculus. This proposal does not affect the content of MATH 1330, so we believe this course should continue to serve as a core Mathematics and Math/Reasoning course.

Following the "C- rule" implemented by many public universities in Texas (see below), we propose to add a C- or better grade requirement for MATH 1310 credit used as a prerequisite for MATH 1330. Specifically, we propose to modify the prerequisite for MATH 1330 as follows: "Credit for MATH 1310 with a grade of C- or better, or a satisfactory score on a placement examination."

Since a student cannot earn transfer credit for a course with a grade below C-, this requirement would ensure that transfer and native students are held to the same prerequisite standards.

The primary rationale for this proposal is that students who pass MATH 1310 with a grade below C- (D+, D, or D-) have only a 14% chance of passing MATH 1330 with a grade of C- or above. In other words the DWF rate for this group of students is approximately 86%. This estimate is based on regular semester (Fall and Spring) enrollments between 2015 and 2018. (A summary of this data is included in our proposal.)

Since many students take MATH 1310 and MATH 1330 to satisfy core requirements even when these courses are not specifically required for their degree plan, we think this new grade requirement will encourage some students to consider other math core options for which they are better prepared. For a student whose degree plan requires MATH 1330, we think that this new prerequisite will create a GPA safeguard that will help prevent a pattern of poor grades in this core math sequence.

Based on the data referenced above a "C- rule" would have affected only 1.5% of students (157 out of 10,697) who enrolled in MATH 1330 between 2015 and 2018 (which amounts to 8% of students (157 out of 1943) who completed the prerequisite, MATH 1310, at University of Houston during this period). Moreover, students with a grade of D in MATH 1310 would still be able to enroll in non-math courses which require MATH 1310 as a prerequisite. These points help mitigate the concern that a "C-rule" could hold some students back.

The list of Texas institutions which currently implement a "C- rule" for Precalculus include: UT Arlington (MATH 1421), Texas State University (MATH 2417), University of North Texas (MATH 1650), Texas Tech University (MATH 1321), UT San Antonio (MAT 1093), UT Dallas (MATH 2312), UT Rio Grande Valley (MATH 2412), UT El Paso (MATH 1508)

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## COURSE LEVEL?

Is the course lower-division (1000/2000 level)?  NO  YES

If upper division (3000/4000 level) please provide a rationale for including the course in the UH Core Curriculum.

## STEP 1: IDENTIFY THE FOUNDATION CORE COMPONENT AREA for this course

*If the course is intended to be listed under Math/Reasoning or Writing in the Disciplines it must first qualify for Core under one of the Foundation Component Areas and under Step 2.*

SELECT ONE	FOUNDATION COMPONENT AREA	REQUIRED CORE OBJECTIVES (see <a href="#">THECB Core objectives</a> )					
		CT	COM	EQS	TW	SR	PR
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMMUNICATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MATHEMATICS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY, & CULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CREATIVE ARTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMERICAN HISTORY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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**STEP 2** : If not selecting a course for Core Math/Reasoning or Writing in the Disciplines proceed to Step 3.

IDENTIFY THE COMPONENT AREA OPTION for this course – Requires Step 1 & Step 2

If the course is intended to be listed under Math/Reasoning or Writing in the Disciplines it must first qualify for Core under one of the Foundation Component Areas identified in Step 1. Identify the Foundational Component Area and required Core Objectives.

SELECT ONE	UH Component Area Options:	Meets definition of Foundational Component Area (FCA) identified in Step 1	Double-List? *	CT	COM	EQS	TW	SR	PR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MATH/REASONING	<i>MATHEMATICS</i> <i>in Step 1 must select Mathematics</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRITING in the DISCIPLINES	<i>Identify Foundational Component Area:</i> <i>Select One:</i>  <i>&amp; select additional objective(s) that align with the associated foundation component area selected in Step 1 (e.g. Language, Philosophy, Culture select SR, PR)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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\*DOUBLE –LIST?

UH Core course typically serve under only one component area.

Indicate request for the course be evaluated to also be listed in the Catalog under the Foundational Component Area (for example, *Language, Philosophy, Culture & Writing in the Disciplines*).

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## STEP 3: CORE OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT

Select the applicable required Core Objectives for the associated Foundation Component Area.

For each required Core objective identify:

- How students will demonstrate achievement of the objective in the course (e.g. critical thinking, communication)
- What course assignment that may be used to assess student performance related to the objective. *An assignment may serve as a tool to assess more than one Core Objective.*

Select related required Objectives from Step 1 & 2)	Core Objectives	How will students demonstrate achievement of the objective in the course?	Assignment to be Assessed <i>(e.g. Essay #2, Project, Test #3)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>CT</b> <i>*required for all courses</i>	This is a standard course in Precalculus with an emphasis on problem solving. Students develop critical thinking skills through the process of analyzing mathematical statements, synthesizing information and applying valid mathematical reasoning, and deciding the appropriate rules or methods to apply in a given mathematical context. Students demonstrate proficiency in these skills through a variety of assessments including homework assignments, quizzes, and tests.	Tests 1-4, Final Exam, Homework, Online Quizzes, Lab Quizzes, Poppers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>COM</b> <i>*required for all courses</i>	To effectively communicate quantitative information, students must develop a greater vocabulary and understanding of the language of mathematics. In particular, this course develops vocabulary related to elementary functions and graphs which are ubiquitous in mathematics. Students develop written communication skills by learning to express mathematical quantities and statements in a clear and consistent way using proper notation. Students develop oral communications skills through in-class discussions and group work. Students demonstrate proficiency in these skills through a variety of assessments including written homework assignments, free response test questions, and lab/recitation work.	Free Response Homework and Test Questions, Lab/Recitation Work and Discussions
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>EQS</b> <i>*required for Math/Reasoning</i>	Students develop empirical and quantitative skills through the process of evaluating and graphing functions, analyzing solutions of equations and inequalities, and making geometric observations and	Tests 1-4, Final Exam, Homework, Online Quizzes,

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		measurements using trigonometry. Students demonstrate proficiency in these skills through a variety of assessments including homework assignments, quizzes, and tests.	Lab Quizzes, Poppers
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TW</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SR</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PR</b>		

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# MATH 1330 - COURSE SYLLABUS

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**YEAR COURSE OFFERED:** 2019-2020  
**SEMESTER COURSE OFFERED:** FALL  
**DEPARTMENT:** MATH  
**COURSE NUMBER:** 1330 (This information applies to all sections)  
**NAME OF COURSE:** Precalculus

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**PREREQUISITES:** MATH 1310 or a satisfactory score on a placement exam.

Math 1330 is a course mainly for students who have Calculus I in their degree plan. As such, the following rules apply to this course:

No calculators to be used on homework, quizzes, or tests(\*).

No opt-out on the final; the final is mandatory for all students.

Please see an advisor to check about Calculus I being in your degree plan. If it is not there and if Math 1330 is not required for your major (as a prerequisite for another course), please take Math 1311 and Math 2311 as your core and reasoning.

\*if you have calculator use on a SAF form, please take Math 1311 and Math 2311.

## TEXTBOOK

The textbook, online quizzes, and additional help materials will be made available by logging into CourseWare at <http://www.casa.uh.edu>. The first portion of these materials are freely available for the first two weeks of class. **Students are required to purchase an access code to access the learning materials by the end of the second week of school. Access code can be purchased at UH Book Store. Note that if you order the access code online, you will receive it in the mail (which might take several days). If you don't enter the code by the deadline stated on CASA, you will lose access to CASA temporarily – until you enter the code. If students miss assignments during the no access period, they should not expect to have make up options for those assignments.**

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The information contained in this class outline is an abbreviated description of the course. Additional important information is contained in the departmental policies statement at [http://www.uh.edu/nsm/math/undergraduate/course\\_policies/math13xx\\_policies/](http://www.uh.edu/nsm/math/undergraduate/course_policies/math13xx_policies/) and at your instructor's personal webpage. You are responsible for knowing all of this information. Note that some 13xx policies do not apply to 1330 (for instance; no exemption/optout from the final in Math 1330).

**The instructor reserves the right to make changes on these policies. Any changes will be announced in class or on the course website in a timely manner.**

## COURSE OBJECTIVES FOR PRECALCULUS

When you successfully complete this course, you will be able to:

1. Recall and apply basic algebra skills without requiring a review.
2. Recognize various kinds of functions (including polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and logarithmic functions), analyze their behavior, and use the properties of these functions to solve equations and application problems.
3. Define trigonometric functions; understand the right triangle trigonometry and unit circle.
4. Know and apply identities involving the trigonometric functions.
5. Recognize the conic sections and their geometric properties.
6. Exploit graphical and analytical techniques in solving problems.
7. Analyze and explain the important elements of the mathematical solution of equations.
8. Recognize and use the vocabulary of vectors (vector, scalar, magnitude, direction) to perform arithmetic on vectors and to solve application problems.
9. Be self-disciplined and dependable through daily consistent work.

## ASSESSMENTS

**A student in this class is expected to complete the following assignments:**

1. Course Policy Quiz – online on your CASA account – **you must make 100% on the course policy quiz in order to have access to the other online assignments in the course.**

Read the information here before you start the quiz:

[http://www.uh.edu/nsm/math/undergraduate/course\\_policies/math13xx\\_policies/](http://www.uh.edu/nsm/math/undergraduate/course_policies/math13xx_policies/)

2. 4 Regular Exams
3. Final Exam
4. Online Quizzes
5. Homework
6. Poppers (Attendance)

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## Components and Weights of Semester Assignments:

Test 1	4%
Test 2	17%
Test 3	17%
Test 4	17%
Final Exam	20%
Homework	8%
Poppers	5%
Online Quizzes	12%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** The percentage grade on the final exam (without extra credit) can be used to replace your lowest test score if it is better than your lowest test grade.

## GRADING SCALE

If “x” is your average, letter grades will be assigned as follows:

A	$93 \leq x$	B-	$80 \leq x < 83$	D+	$67 \leq x < 70$
A-	$90 \leq x < 93$	C+	$77 \leq x < 80$	D	$63 \leq x < 67$
B+	$87 \leq x < 90$	C	$73 \leq x < 77$	D-	$60 \leq x < 63$
B	$83 \leq x < 87$	C-	$70 \leq x < 73$	F	Below 60

## EXAM INFORMATION

There will be 4 tests along with a mandatory final exam.

**Test 1 is an online test** over the pre-requisite material (algebra). You can find it under online assignments tab at CASA. You have 2 attempts; we take your best score. It is recommended to take practice test 1 first to see what to expect on Test 1. You can review basic algebra topics to prepare for this test. You can find help videos for these topics on the course website (or here:

<https://online.math.uh.edu/courses/placement/Modules.html> )

**IMPORTANT: If you score low on Test 1 (below 60 without extra credit); you may consider dropping this course and taking the prerequisite course to prepare yourself for this course. If you decide not to drop, it is strongly recommended that you sign up for an SEP workshop designed for Math 1330 students; you can add a workshop in your PS account before the last day to add.**



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The remaining tests (Tests 2, 3, 4 and final) are taken at CASA testing center, with reservation. Use “proctored exams” tab at your CASA account to reserve a seat for it.

To see the exam dates and topics covered, please visit course website. **You must make a reservation to take a test prior to the first testing day.** You should print out the web page showing your reservation time for your records and proof of your reservation. Reservation generally begins 2 weeks prior to an exam; reserve a seat as soon as the scheduler opens up.

You can NOT use calculators during any of the exams; study accordingly.

**Exam topics:** *(Any changes on the exam topics or dates will be announced on the course website or at CASA calendar)*

Test 1	Prerequisite Material	Aug 19 – Aug 29
Test 2	Chapter 4	Sep 12 – Sep 16
Test 3	Chapter 5, 6.1, 6.2	Oct 12 – Oct 15
Test 4	6.3, Chapter 7, Vectors, Chapter 8	Nov 13 – Nov 16
Final	Comprehensive (covers all chapters)	Dec 3 – Dec 10

## **Final Exam:**

Final is comprehensive and mandatory for **ALL** students. **There is no “exemption” or “opt-out” from the final in Math 1330. NO EARLY OR LATE FINALS.**

Check course website for final exam schedule. Final is given at CASA testing center. Reserve a seat for it when reservation begins. You will be able to take your final at a time during the testing window – depending on your reservation. Reservations are made online at CASA on a first come first serve basis; there is no guarantee that you will be able to find a seat on a certain date. **Make your travel plans so that you are available during the testing period.** When the reservation opens up; reserve your seat as soon as possible so that you might be able to find a seat on your preferred dates.

Your raw score on the final will be used to replace the lowest test score if it is better.

**Grade Appeals:** If you want to appeal your grade on the free response portion of an exam, contact your instructor within 5 business days after the exam grades are posted. Any alterations on your answer sheet will be considered an academic honesty violation (see Honor Principle paragraph on this syllabus). Grade appeals on any assignments should be made within 5 business days of the posting of the assignment grade.

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## EXTRA CREDIT

There are practice tests and a practice final on Courseware. If you take the practice test, then 5% of the highest score you earn will be applied to the relevant test as extra credit on the corresponding exam. You can take the practice tests several times (up to 20 times) and we only take your best score. Pay attention to the “end” dates on these.

In general, practice tests end before the exam starts (except for PT 1). Your instructor might post a new assignment titled “Practice Test # (NC)” to give you a chance to keep practicing during the testing period. These assignments are not for credit. Any assignment that is titled “... (NC)” will not be counted toward your grade; “(NC)” stands for “not for credit”. To receive extra credit, students should take the items titled “Practice Test #” before they close.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUIZZES

Online quizzes will be given regularly in this course.

- The quizzes are located in the CASA CourseWare course website under the “Online Assignments” tab.
- The quizzes will close on the due dates given on CourseWare at 11:59 pm and will not re-open. If the quiz is still open when the time expires, your work will not be saved; you must submit any online assignment before 11:59pm.
- Two lowest quizzes will be dropped. The primary reason for this policy is to offset the impact of zero/low quiz scores due to emergencies (medical, personal, or otherwise) on a student’s final course grade. Hence, students should not expect to have an option to make up missed quizzes.
- You have 20 times to take each quiz.
- There is a 60 minute time limit for most quizzes.
- There may be 2 or more quizzes due every week; check the due dates carefully.

Once a quiz closes, then it is over for the semester. Neither I, nor the Math Department, is responsible for any difficulty that you have in accessing the quizzes. Please don’t delay taking quizzes – there are times during the week when CourseWare is slow or overloaded. There is no amnesty period for the quizzes; the quizzes will NOT be reopened at the end of the semester.

Please contact CourseWare tech support directly if you are having problems. The email link is on the CASA homepage.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR POPPERS

- For each lecture starting on the third week of classes you will be asked a series of problems that will have to do with the lecture (over past or current material).
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- The forms are for sale at the BOOK STORE. Please buy the package for Math 1330 with **your section number printed on it**. You must use the right popper forms for credit; you can't turn in your answers on any other kind of paper.
- You are required to fill in your id number, popper number and blacken the correct circles. Make sure that your id number and popper number are correct before turning in the popper at the end of the lecture. If these are not filled out correctly or if the darken circles are too light you will not get credit for that day's lecture even if you attended.
- Some poppers will be dropped to cover for emergencies or unexpected events. Hence, students should not expect to have any make ups for poppers.
- **Do not turn in poppers for classmates.** If you turn in a popper for a classmate who was not in class that day, poppers for both students will not be accepted. Repeated offenses might be reported to the Departmental Hearing Officer (see "Honor Principle" in this syllabus).
- **If your popper is not graded even though you turned it in, that means you've made a bubbling mistake and there is nothing we can do about it, you will not receive credit for such poppers.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOMEWORK

- There are weekly homework assignments. The homework problems and due dates will be posted on CASA. Some weeks, there might be more than one assignment.
- You will submit your answers using "EMCF" tab at CASA before the due date.
- Two of the lowest homework assignment scores will be dropped. The primary reason for this policy is to offset the impact of zero/low HW scores due to emergencies (medical, personal, or otherwise) on a student's final course grade. Hence, students should not expect to have an option to make up missed homework.
- Your score on the homework is the number of correct answers out of the total number of questions.
- Students are expected to check the calendar on CASA often (to see the due dates for HW and quizzes) and to plan ahead and work on the assignments in a timely manner.

## LATE ASSIGNMENT AND MAKE-UP POLICY

This course is a cumulative course. You as a student need to keep up with the reading, quizzes, homework assignments and exams. Students are expected to check the calendar on CASA several times a week and plan ahead so that they don't miss assignments. We drop some assignments primarily to offset the impact of zero/low scores due to emergencies (medical, personal, or otherwise) on a student's final course grade. Hence, students should not expect to have an option to make up missed assignments.

If you miss a test, it may be possible to reschedule a test appointment during the testing period (depending on space availability) by using the online scheduler. Do not assume that you will be able to

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reschedule - check first for availability. Rescheduling must be made online in your account; your instructor is not responsible for finding seats or making reservations for you.

Your final exam score will replace your lowest midterm exam score if the former is higher. (This replacement, if applicable, will occur at the end of the semester after the Letter Grade Calculator (LGC) is turned off. A missed test will result in a score of zero. If you miss two or more exams, only one of those scores will be replaced.) The primary reason for this policy is to offset the impact of zero/low test scores due to emergencies (medical, personal, or otherwise) on a student's final course grade. Therefore, students should not expect to have the option for a make-up test when such an emergency arises.

**Generally, there will be no make-up tests or "re-tests"\*. \*Exceptions may be made per the [Student Academic Adjustments/Auxiliary Aids Policy](#) for students with approved CSD accommodations ([see above](#)), as well as for students with an official excused absence as recognized by University of Houston in accordance with federal and state law.**

**In case of late enrollment or re-registration after being dropped:** No make ups will be provided for assignments missed during the "no access to the course" period due to late enrollment or being dropped. Similarly, if students lose access to CASA for not entering access code by the deadline, there will be no make ups for the assignments they missed during that period.

## COMMUNICATION via EMAIL

Your instructor will be sending class emails using PeopleSoft; you are responsible for checking your UH email. Per UH Policy, notices properly addressed and so sent (for example, via PeopleSoft) shall be presumed to have been received by the student. Thus, you are responsible for the content in emails sent to your UH account, regardless if your external (non-UH) email provider filters or blocks them. When emailing your instructor, it is recommended that you use a professional email address and include the course name on the subject line so that your instructor can address your questions accordingly. Please read this link for more on communication via email: [EMAIL ETIQUETTE](https://www.math.uh.edu/~tomforde/Email-Etiquette.html) (<https://www.math.uh.edu/~tomforde/Email-Etiquette.html>).

## ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

University of Houston students are expected to adhere to the Academic Honesty Policy as described in the UH Undergraduate Catalog. "Academic dishonesty" means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at the University of Houston or by a course instructor to fulfill any and all academic requirements. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following: *Plagiarism; Cheating and Unauthorized Group Work; Fabrication, Falsification, and Misrepresentation; Stealing and Abuse of Academic Materials; Complicity in Academic Dishonesty; Academic Misconduct*. Refer to [UH Academic Honesty website](#) and the UH Student Catalog for the definition of these terms and university's policy on Academic Dishonesty. Anyone caught cheating will be reported to the department for further

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disciplinary actions, receive sanctions as explained on these documents, and will have an academic dishonesty record at the Provosts office. The sanctions for confirmed violations of this policy shall be commensurate with the nature of the offense and with the record of the student regarding any previous infractions. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to: a lowered grade, failure on the examination or assignment in question, failure in the course, probation, suspension, or expulsion from the University of Houston, or a combination of these. Students may not receive a W for courses in which they have been found in violation of the Academic Honesty Policy. If a W is received prior to a finding of policy violation, the student will become liable for the Academic Honesty penalty, including F grades.

**Posting answers for Poppers or Homework questions online (at group chats or other online tools) is considered an academic honesty violation.** Students are expected to know the difference between “getting/giving HELP on a problem” and “getting/giving answers to a problem”. If a student is caught sharing answers (in person or online), he/she might be reported to the departmental hearing officer for an academic honesty violation. If a student becomes aware of cheating or any other violations; that student is responsible for informing the instructor.

## UH CAPS

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to college, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS ([www.uh.edu/caps](http://www.uh.edu/caps)) by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the "Let's Talk" program, a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus.

[http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets\\_talk.html](http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets_talk.html)

## CSD ACCOMMODATIONS

Academic Adjustments/Auxiliary Aids: The University of Houston System complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, pertaining to the provision of reasonable academic adjustments/auxiliary aids for students who have a disability. In accordance with Section 504 and ADA guidelines, University of Houston strives to provide reasonable academic adjustments/auxiliary aids to students who request and require them. If you believe that you have a disability requiring an academic adjustments/auxiliary aid, please visit The Center for Students with DisABILITIES (CSD) website at <http://www.uh.edu/csd/> for more information.

Accommodation Forms: Students seeking academic adjustments/auxiliary aids must, in a timely manner (usually at the beginning of the semester), provide their instructor with a current Student Accommodation Form (SAF) from the CSD office before an approved accommodation can be implemented.

Details of this policy, and the corresponding responsibilities of the student are outlined in The Student Academic Adjustments/Auxiliary Aids Policy (01.D.09) document under [STEP 4: Student Submission (5.4.1 & 5.4.2), Page 6]. For more information please visit the Center for Students with Disabilities FAQs page.

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Additionally, if a student is requesting a (CSD approved) testing accommodation, then the student will also complete a Request for Individualized Testing Accommodations (RITA) paper form to arrange for tests to be administered at the CSD office. CSD suggests that the student meet with their instructor during office hours and/or make an appointment to complete the RITA form to ensure confidentiality.

Students should bring a copy of their approved SAF form when meeting with the instructor to complete a RITA form.

\*Note: RITA forms must be completed at least 48 hours in advance of the original test date. Please consult your counselor ahead of time to ensure that your tests are scheduled in a timely manner. Please keep in mind that if you run over the agreed upon time limit for your exam, you will be penalized in proportion to the amount of extra time taken. Please keep in mind that if you run over the allotted time indicated on your RITA form, then your exam score will be reduced 1 percentage point for each minute over.

## **Learning Objectives for Precalculus**

1. Recognize various kinds of functions (including polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and logarithmic functions), analyze their behavior, and use the properties of these functions to solve equations and application problems.  
Recognize that exponential and logarithmic functions are inverses, recall the characteristics of these functions, and solve equations and application problems involving exponential and logarithmic functions.  
Apply the concepts learned about limits at infinity to afore mentioned functions.
2. Recognize and use the vocabulary of angles (including standard position, initial and terminal sides, quadrantal angles, coterminal angles, acute, right, and obtuse angles).  
Use degrees and radians to measure angles.  
Convert angles from degrees to radians and vice versa.  
Compute the length of a circular arc given the radius and the interior angle.  
Apply the concepts of linear and angular speed to solve problems concerning motion on a circular path.
3. Use right triangles to evaluate the six trigonometric functions.  
State the trigonometric function values for  $30^{\circ}$ ,  $45^{\circ}$ ,  $60^{\circ}$ . Use right triangle trigonometry to solve application problems that can be visualized using right triangles.
4. Compute the six trigonometric functions of any angle and use the unit circle to define the six trigonometric functions for all real numbers.  
Define the trigonometric functions for any angle.  
Identify the signs of the trigonometric functions.  
Find reference angles and use them to evaluate trigonometric functions.  
Identify even and odd trigonometric functions.

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5. Know and draw the graphs of the six trigonometric functions and their variations.  
Compute the amplitude, period, phase shift, vertical shift, domain, and range of a sinusoidal functions.  
Compute the period, domain, range, vertical asymptotes, and x-intercepts of the tangent and cotangent functions.  
Draw the graphs of  $y = \csc x$  and  $y = \sec x$ ; recognize the relationship between the graph of a cosecant function (respectively, secant) and the graph of a sine (respectively, cosine) function.
6. Understand the definitions of the inverse trigonometric functions. Compute the domain and range of the inverse trigonometric functions.  
Evaluate inverse trigonometric functions using a calculator (\*optional).  
Find exact values of composite functions with inverse trigonometric functions
7. Know and apply identities involving the trigonometric functions.  
Use trigonometric identities to simplify expressions and to evaluate the trigonometric functions.  
Use the trigonometric functions to solve triangles.  
Use fundamental trigonometric identities to verify other identities.  
Apply the sum and difference formulas for sine, cosine, and tangent.  
Apply the double-angle and half-angle formulas for sine, cosine, and tangent.  
Apply the Law of Sines and/or the Law of Cosines either to solve triangles.
8. Find all solutions of a trigonometric equation. Solve trigonometric equations quadratic in form.  
Use identities to solve trigonometric equations.
9. Recognize conic sections and their geometric properties.  
Differentiate between four conic sections (circle, ellipse, hyperbola, parabola) using the standard and the general form of the equations.  
Describe the terms center, foci, vertices, and directrix.  
Graph the conic sections.  
Solve non-linear systems with two variables using algebra and/or graphing.
10. Recognize and use the vocabulary of vectors (vector, scalar, magnitude, direction) to perform arithmetic on vectors and to solve application problems. Draw the components of a vector.  
Construct a visual representation of scalar multiplication, vector addition, and vector subtraction.  
Find the dot product of two vectors; find the angle between two vectors.  
Use the dot product to determine if two vectors are orthogonal, parallel, or neither.

# COURSE SYLLABUS

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- Graphs of the other Trigonometric Functions
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- Solving Trigonometric Equations

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