

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Business, Science, Mathematics, and Technology Division
Germantown Campus
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SAMPLE

I. Instructor Information

Dr. Plastas

II. General Course Information

MA181- Calculus I

4 credit hours

Pre-requisite: Pre-calculus, MA180 or equivalent

This course is taught in a lecture/discussion format. Class participation, attendance, and preparedness are expected and will be considered in grading, especially if your course grade is a “borderline case”. Announced quizzes may be given (class decision).

III. Specific Outcomes - (See attached course outline, objectives, & suggested homework)

IV. Texts [and Supplies]

Text: **Calculus**, 6th edition by Larson, Hostetler, and Edwards (required)

Graphing Calculator (required): TI83 preferred, calculators with CAS would not be allowed on exams & quizzes.

V. Grading

A. Requirements

It is your responsibility to take all tests and quizzes at the time they are scheduled unless you have a very good reason for not doing so. If you do not have an excuse that I think is valid or you do not comply with the make-up policy listed in **section D** below, you will receive a failing grade for the missed exam.

Quizzes cannot be made-up (excused missed quizzes will not be counted against you).

B. Course Grade

There are three ways by which you can receive a grade for this course:

1. If the average of all of your exams is 91% or higher **AND** each of your exam scores is 85% or above, you are excused from the final exam. **-or-**

2. If you receive a higher grade on the final exam than your class exam average, you will receive the grade from the final exam. **-or-**

3. If neither of the above is true, your grade will be calculated based on the following:

Hour exams at 100 points each

Quiz total (maximum 100 points)

Final Exam at 200 points

C. Standards

Grades will be assigned as follows:

90% - 100% A

80% - 89% B

70% - 79% C

60% - 69% D

Below 60% F

I reserve the right to lower the scale, but I will not raise it.

D. Make-up Policy

Make-up exams will be given only if, within 20 hours of the scheduled exam you:

- a. call the secretary at 301-353-7722 and give a valid reason why you did not take the exam,
AND
- b. make arrangements to take the test before the next class meeting if at all possible.

E. Late Policy

Try to be on time for class. If you have the occasion to be late, please take a seat near the door to minimize disruption.

F. Audit Policy

“Audits” are expected to attend class and participate (I will drop an audit from class for lack of attendance). “Audits” may take exams and quizzes but are not required to do so.

VI. Classroom Policies

A. Attendance [and Withdrawal from Class]

Attendance is expected but not required.

If you decide to drop the course or change to audit, please do so officially through the registrar’s office.

B. Academic Honesty

See the Student Code of Conduct – “Academic Dishonesty and Misconduct”. (Student Handbook)

C. Classroom Conduct

“The College seeks to provide an environment where discussion and expression of all views relevant to the subject matter of the class are recognized as necessary to the educational process. However, students do not have the right to interfere with the freedom of the faculty to teach or the rights of other students to learn”. Disruptive behavior includes carrying on individual conversations with classmates or yourself during class, interrupting the instructor or a fellow student while they are speaking, coming into class late and/or leaving class early, having a activated cell phone or beeper in class, being rude or belittling to the instructor or a fellow student. *Cell phones and beepers are not permitted in the classroom. Please turn them off before class. If a cell phone or beeper goes off during class, I will confiscate it and deduct 10 points for each occurrence.* “If a student behaves disruptively in the classroom after the instructor has explained the unacceptability of such conduct and the consequences that will result, the student may be asked to leave the room for the remainder of the class time. If the student does not leave, the faculty member may request the assistance of Security.”

D. Support Services

There is a **Math/Accounting Learning Center** located in HT229 where tutoring and computer support materials are available. The Solutions Manual for the text is available at the main desk.

Disability Support Services: Any student needing an accommodation due to a disability should make an appointment to see me during my office hours. A letter from Disability Support Services (DSS) authorizing your accommodations will be needed. The DSS office is located in SA201 and may be called on 301-353-7783.

E. Cancellation of Classes

If class is cancelled due to inclement weather, the next scheduled class will cover the missed assigned material.

VII. General Information

The harder you study and the more homework problems you do will reflect in your exam grades and your understanding of the material. So, I strongly recommend that you do all of your homework and ask questions about those topics you do not understand. I am always willing to help you both in class and in my office.

VIII. Course Schedule - (See attached course outline)