Syllabus
Math 126: Pre-Calculus I
Fall 2012 – Sect. 1002
Mondays + Wednesdays, 1:00-2:15 PM, Edmund J. Cane Hall (EJCH), Room 103

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Course web page: http://www.mymathlab.com/(course ID: zaliapin73196)

Textbook: Pre-Calculus 9th Edition by Sullivan (there is an online edition available for purchase, go to http://www.coursecompass.com to purchase with your credit card, use the course ID: zaliapin73196).

Course Description: Equations; linear, polynomial systems, relations, functions, graphing; exponential and logarithmic with applications; matrices and determinants; compound interest and amortization.

Prerequisite: ACT 22 or SAT 500 or Math 096 course grade C/S or Accuplacer Elementary Algebra test score of at least 80 with at least 55 for College Level Math.

Lecture attendance: Attendance is strongly recommended but is not required. It is your responsibility to know the material covered and announcements made in class.

Recitation attendance is required.

Calculator Policy: A scientific calculator will be required for homework. Calculators will NOT be allowed on most exams. Scientific calculators may be allowed on the final exam. Computers, PDAs, graphing calculators, cell phones, etc. are prohibited on all exams including the final.

Grade Breakdown/Scale:

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The instructor reserves the right to deviate from the above table in special circumstances, including the assignment of +/- grades in borderline cases and giving letter grades higher than suggested by the table. You need to get a C or above in order to use this class as a prerequisite for any other class.
Homework: All homework is to be completed on MyMathLab software. All students must register for this course by going to the webpage http://www.coursecompass.com/ and following the instructions. You will need a valid email address, course id, and student access code (should come with textbook and must be entered in capital letters) to register. MyMathLab technical support number is 1-800-677-6337.

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Quizzes: Weekly quizzes will be given in recitation section.

Tests and final exam: There will be three tests and the final exam. The tests will assess your understanding of the material covered in class. You must have your UNR ID with you for all tests. You will not be able to take the tests without showing your valid UNR ID. Students may need scantrons (form # 882-E) for all tests. A comprehensive final will be given during the finals week. Students may need a scantron (form # 882-E) for the final.

Test Make-Up Policy: There will be no make-ups for tests, except legitimate medical reasons. In case of participating in University-related activities or in any other special circumstances, contact instructor in advance. If you will have to reschedule a test due to a University-approved outing please notify instructor within the first week of class.

Equal Opportunity Statement: The Math/Stat Department encourages any student needing to request accommodations for a specific disability to meet with their instructor at their earliest convenience to ensure timely and appropriate accommodations.

Classroom Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on behalf of the student and the instructor. In particular, it is assumed that we are coming to the class for the total duration of a lecture. Should there be a need to come later or leave earlier, choose a seat closest to the door. Switch phones to silent mode. No food or drinks.

Academic Success Services: Your student fees cover usage of the Math Center (784-4433, http://www.unr.edu/mathcenter), Tutoring Center (784-6801, http://www.unr.edu/tutoring), and University Writing Center (784-6030, http://www.unr.edu/writing_center). These centers support your classroom learning; it is your responsibility to take advantage of their services. Keep in mind that seeking help outside of class is the sign of a responsible and successful student.

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will lead to an F grade. Academic dishonesty is defined as: cheating, plagiarism or otherwise obtaining grades under false pretenses. Plagiarism is defined as submitting the language, ideas, thoughts or work of another as one's own; or assisting in the act of plagiarism by allowing one's work to be used in this fashion. Cheating is defined as (1) obtaining or providing unauthorized information during an examination through verbal, visual or unauthorized use of books, notes, text and other materials; (2) obtaining or providing information concerning all or part of an examination prior to that examination; (3) taking an examination for another student, or arranging for another person to take an exam in one's place; (4) altering or
changing test answers after submittal for grading, grades after grades have been awarded, or other academic records once these are official. For more information see http://www.unr.edu/stsv/acdispol.html

**Class recording policy:** Surreptitious or covert video-taping of class or unauthorized audio recording of class is prohibited by law and by Board of Regents policy. This class may be videotaped or audio recorded only with the written permission of the instructor. In order to accommodate students with disabilities, some students may have been given permission to record class lectures and discussions. Therefore, students should understand that their comments during class may be recorded.