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Math 126 PRECALCULUS I – Fall 2007  
Mathematics and Statistics Department, University of Nevada Reno  

Time: 4-5:15  
Days: TR  
Room: MS 215  

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Anna Panorska  
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OFFICE HOURS: TR 1-2PM, W10-12  
SECTION: 30  


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

This course does not satisfy the core mathematics requirement; however, it counts towards three college credits as an elective. To complete the core math requirements, follow this course with MATH 127, MATH 176 or STAT 152.  

Credit may not be received for MATH 126 if credit has already been awarded for MATH 128 or higher. A course grade of C- or better will allow a student to enroll in MATH 127, 176 OR STAT 152.  

PREREQUISITE: ACT 22 or SAT 520 or BART 10 or Math 096 course grade S.  

General Rules: Please be on time. Do not talk during lectures. You MUST turn off your cell phone before class starts and keep them off until you leave the classroom.  

Class Web Site: All information about this course is on the class web site:  
http://wolfweb.unr.edu/homepage/ania/MATH126.html . You are responsible for checking the class web site regularly and for being aware of all the information posted on that site.  

Shared Office Hours: All instructors for MATH 126 will share office hours this semester. You are welcome to come to the office hours of any MATH 126 instructor. Their names, times and locations of their office hours are available on the class web site.  

Additional Resources-Tutoring: Academic Skills Center kindly shares their academic leaders with us. Faun and Mitchell will lead several group MATH 126 tutoring sessions per week for this 126 section. For more information and tutoring schedule please see http://asc.unr.edu/asc_webapps/students/index.aspx.  

Calculator Policy: Only scientific calculators are allowed for all exams including the final exam. Computers, PDA, graphing calculators, and cell phones are prohibited on all exams.  

Homework: Homework will be assigned weekly. All homework is to be completed on ThomsonNOW software. All students must create accounts on the software by going to the web page http://west.ilrn.com/ilrn/ and following the instructions for new users needing to create an account. If you have any questions, please ask the tutors in the Math Center or Academic Skills Center. All students must have working accounts by Friday, August 31st.  

ThomsonNOW identification information for our course:  
Course name: math 126, Course number: 30,  
Course Key: E-2QU8Q49CEUWS3  

Tests: There will be three in-class tests. They will be given on (Sep. 25, Oct. 23, and Nov. 29). These will test your understanding of the material covered after the previous test. All tests will be 100% multiple choice. You must have your UNR ID with you for all tests. You will not be allowed to take any of the tests without showing the instructor your valid UNR ID at the time of the test. Students have to bring scantron sheets for all tests including final exam.
**Final exam:** There will be a comprehensive departmental final exam. The exam will be **100% multiple-choice** and it is scheduled on **Saturday, December 15th, 9:45-11:45 AM**. The room location will be communicated to you later. Only scientific calculators are allowed.

**Grading:** Homework 15%, Tests 50%, and Final exam 35%

**Grading scale:** The instructor reserves the right to assign +/- in borderline cases.

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**Make-up policy:** Make-up or early exams will not be accepted. In the event that you are an athlete that has a conflict with an exam date, you must contact the instructor within the first week of class.

**Make-up policy regarding the departmental (or common) final:**

We strongly discourage students from requesting make-up final exams. Make ups will be given only in case of unavoidable circumstances or last minute medical emergencies, and not because you decided to buy an earlier ticket to go on a vacation.

Except for last minute medical emergencies, all final exam make-up requests should be submitted to the instructor, at least three weeks before the exam, in a type-written letter with signature, clearly explaining the reason for the request. It should include your contact information, R-number, the instructor’s name, and the course name and the section number.

The instructor will then decide if s/he supports the request, and forward it to the Core Mathematics Director. The department will make a decision as soon as they can and the instructor will then inform the student. In some cases the department might have additional questions for the student.

**Attendance:** Not required but strongly recommended. You are responsible for the materials presented in class.

If you are attending the University on scholarship or financial aid, it is your responsibility to maintain your grades.

As you start this course, it is important to remember that this is a 3 credit course, we will meet 3 hours per week and you will be given assignments regularly. This constitutes about one-fifth of your semester course load. If you miss class or fail doing homework on time you will fall behind and it will be very difficult to catch up. This will have a detrimental effect on your grade.

**Academic conduct:** Cheating happens; therefore you must bring your student identification to all tests and exams. You must work independently on all exams unless your exam instructions indicate otherwise. Any behavior inappropriate to test taking may disturb others students and such behavior will be considered as cheating. You may not read notes or books while taking tests unless you have permission of your instructor. Homework is not a test therefore collaboration is permitted. If you are unclear as to what constitutes cheating, please consult with the instructor.

**Resources:** It is highly recommended that you have and use a scientific calculator only. The Student Solutions Manual is on course reserves in the Getchell Library with call number #39. Free tutoring is provided by the Academic Skills Center. Computer access, calculator assistance and tutoring are provided by the Math Center in AB 610.

**Disability resources:** The Math/Stat Department supports equal access for students with disabilities. Any student needing to request accommodations for a specific disability is encouraged to meet with the instructor at her/his earliest convenience to ensure timely and appropriate accommodations.

**HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!**