

MTH 161-162 Precalculus Syllabus

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Welcome to Dual Enrollment Precalculus class!

MTH 161-162 is a 6-credit hour course offered through Germanna Community College. The course includes both student- and teacher-directed activities with note taking, guided practice sessions, discussion of solution methods, and cooperative learning activities planned. Problem solving and the analysis of problem situations are the focus of every lesson. Students will strengthen their college algebra, analytic geometry, trigonometry, exponential and logarithmic function skills to prepare them for further study of D.E. Statistics and Calculus. Students must earn a C- or above in MTH161 to continue into MTH 162. The [course organizer](#) lists GCC course standards.

Classroom Values:

1. Students are to arrive to class on-time and prepared each day.
2. At the sounding of the bell, students will take their seats, silence cell phones, remove AirPods, and store both out-of-sight until the end of the block.
3. Students will respond respectfully to others, be productive, participate in all activities, and persist.
4. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles with screw-on lids. No food is allowed in the room.
5. Students will ask for a pass, sign out, and back in when needing to leave the classroom.

Academic Expectations:

Class will begin promptly at the bell with students logging into the GCC Canvas system using a Chromebook. Learning goals, an outline of class activities, and links to online resources will be posted in the unit module each day; however, completed assignments will be turned in on paper in the classroom.

Homework assigned each night will be due at the beginning of the next class period. Students are encouraged to study class notes and textbook examples, work in peer study groups, and email Mrs. Davis with questions in order to complete homework with accuracy. Answers should be checked in the appendix of the precalculus text and

corrected to the best of a student's ability. There will be time allowed in class for specific student questions and class conversation about assigned problems.

Grading policy: Formative assessments (homework and classwork) will account for 20% of each 9-week grade. The quiz average will account for 30%, while the summative test average will account for 50% of each marking period grade. A weighted average of formative assessments, quizzes and tests will account for 90% of the final course grade. There will be a cumulative final exam that will make up 10% of the MTH 161 grade. Student grades will be updated in the MCHS parent portal by noon on Monday of each school week.

Work for which the student was present, but which has not been completed or submitted is considered late work. There will be a 10-point grade deduction for each day an assignment is late up to a 50 point deduction in score. Once a unit test has been given, no late work will be accepted from the related unit.

Office hours: On Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 pm, Mrs. Davis provides opportunities for one-on-one or small group tutoring, further practice, and re-quizzes to demonstrate improvement toward mastery. Re-quizzing is allowed only after a student has completed all related assignments and before the unit test. Before retaking a quiz, a student will work with the instructor to correct errors and practice further independently.

Suggested Supplies:

- *Blitzer Precalculus*, 6th edition is provided for student use.
- 3-ring binder
- Lined paper and pencils
- 3X5 cards (optional)
- TI-84+ calculators will be provided for use in class. Students may use the online Desmos graphing calculator outside of class.

Communication:

Students and parents can expect to receive a response to email messages or telephone calls made to their faculty member within a 24-hour period, Monday through Friday. A response to email messages sent over the weekend will be provided by the close of business on the following Monday. Mrs. Davis's planning period is block II, 10:05-11:30AM. She may be contacted during that time via email or by calling Madison County High School at 540-948-3780, ext. 4110.