

Syllabus for MATH 1131

Sections W31 and W32

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Textbook: Single Variable Calculus: Early Transcendentals 7e, by Stewart.

Important note! *You must have a valid license for WebAssign.*

This should come bundled for free from textbooks purchased from the UConn bookstore. Books sold somewhere else might NOT contain this license, which costs \$80+ if purchased separately.

Important Websites

1. **My Website:** General information about this section, including my office hours, and some study aids will be posted at <http://nibel.org/stephenflood/teaching.html>
2. **WebAssign:** Online homework and grades will be posted on WebAssign. To access WebAssign, you must first log into HuskyCT at <https://learn.uconn.edu/> and go to this class's HuskyCT page. On the left side of that page, click on the link "WebAssign Homework" (below the course name).

Grades

Your grade will be earned out of 500 points as follows. There is no extra credit.

Exam I	100 points (20%)
Exam II	100 points (20%)
Homework	75 points (15%)
Quizzes	75 points (15%)
Final Exam	150 points (30%)
Total	500 points (100%)

Exams, worksheets and quizzes will be graded for correctness, completeness, and clarity. The more clear your explanation and organization, the more points you will earn! This also means that points may be deducted for confusing organization and poor handwriting, as well as for incomplete or incorrect work.

Exams

There will be two in-class exams and one final exam. The final exam will be cumulative: anything we've studied is fair game. The in-class exams generally cover the material since the last exam. No calculators will be permitted on any exam.

No makeup exams will be given. If you miss an exam for a valid reason (documented illness, documented family emergency, etc.), your exam grade will be determined by averaging the other exams.

Tentative dates are given in the Approximate Calendar of Study, below. *Please contact me before the exam* if you will need to miss it. It is much harder to document "valid reasons" after you have missed the exam.

Quizzes

There will be occasional quizzes and/or graded worksheets. These may be in-class or take-home assignments. The only difference is that you are allowed to work together and use calculators on a graded worksheet, but you cannot work with another person or calculator on a quiz. These will be short assignments, and their main purpose is to give you a chance to use, practice, and explore the concepts and tools that we are learning.

The Quiz grade will be the average of the assignment scores. In class quizzes and graded worksheets will be announced in advance. You cannot make them up, but the lowest 2 or 3 scores will be dropped.

Homework

The best way to learn calculus is to get a lot of practice solving problems correctly and to learn to explain your solutions clearly to another person. Simply doing the graded quizzes and worksheets will *not* give you enough practice to learn the material. To help you learn, you will have two types of assigned homework: online homework and unpaced homework.

Paced Homework

This will be assigned online via WebAssign. You will (generally) have 5 chances to correctly enter the answer to each homework problem into the system.¹ The deadline for online submissions is 11:00pm of the due date. To prevent technical difficulties from impacting your grade, there will be a 1 hour grace period (assignments will close at 11:59pm). In addition to submitting your answers online, I also *strongly recommend* that you hand-write full solutions to each online problem, and that you keep these as study aids.

Unpaced Homework

In addition to the graded homework, you also have unpaced homework: read the book and do as many odd-numbered textbook problems as you can. *If you have the “Hybrid Edition” textbook, you will need to log into the online textbook (through WebAssign) to find the end of chapter problems.* When I can, I will try to point your attention to the most important types of problems.

This won't be graded, but you should do the problems within about a week of the material being covered. Don't think of this as “optional” homework. Think about it as homework with a “flexible due date.”

This sounds like a lot of work but remember: college is a full time job. Most people agree that you should spend about 3 hours outside of class for every hour inside class if you want to earn the best grade that you are capable of. If you don't believe me, try googling it!

Group Work and Study Aids

While group work can be helpful, I strongly encourage you to *work on problems yourself first*, before discussing them with your peers. Probably the best way to check that you understand a problem is to ask this question: “Can I reproduce the solution and explain it to a classmate a whole 10 minutes after I finished the problem?” Try this with the people you are studying with, and have them check your reasoning.

You have many excellent resources available to aid you as you work. For example, you can ask me any questions you might have during office hours! You also have access to free tutoring through the Math Resource Center, which is located in Room 227G of the Library. This resource center is open from Monday to Thursday, for several hours each day. You can learn more about the center, including their exact hours, online at http://www.waterbury.uconn.edu/student_resources/math_resources.html

¹To see the exact number of chances you have to answer a specific problem, click the “plus” sign next to the problem number.

But please remember: you will benefit the most if you *make a serious effort to solve the problems on your own* before you obtain other assistance.

Calculator policy

The goal of this course is to help you develop your analytical, visual, and problem solving skills. Because of this, **no calculators** are allowed on the exams or quizzes. On the other hand, a graphing calculator is a very useful **learning** tool, and you should have access to some sort of graphing calculator.

Using a graphing calculator:

Remember that our goal is for *you* to be able to make the graph. These 3 steps should help:

1. Read the problem carefully, and be sure you understand it.
2. Use your knowledge of calculus and pre-calculus to sketch the graph using pen and paper.
3. Make a graph using the calculator. Ask yourself “how does the graph compare to my sketch?”
If they are different, try to understand why!

You should also use your graphing calculator to help you **understand** functions. E.g. once you have graphed $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$, you should try changing the numbers. Ask yourself “how does this change the graph?”

Obtaining a graphing calculator:

A dedicated graphing calculator is convenient and easy to use, but it does cost money. If you are trying to save money, there are many free tools available. Using a computer, you can find a free graphing calculator online at <http://fooplot.com/>. Using an android phone, you can use an app such as “Algeo Calculator”. On an iOS device, you might try the app “Free Graphing Calculator”.

But always **remember**: you will need to be able to solve most problems *without* a calculator.

Approximate Calendar of Study

This schedule is a preliminary outline, and you should expect it to change from time to time. For example, it is likely that the days marked “review” will include some amount of new material.

Lesson	Date	Section	Topic	Unpaced Homework	
1.	1	8/26	1.1-2	Review of Functions and Representing functions	Read p.xxii-xiii, study appendices A and D, do pg 19 #1-4, 7-13, 25, 27-56 and pg 33 #3-4, 6-8, 10-13, 19-20 Study Appendices B and C do pg 42 #3-5,8-11,29-45 and pg 57 #1-5,7-17,19-20,26-27 and read p.75-76,78 pg 69 #1-2, 5-15, 18-19, 21-26, 29-41, 43-44, and 49-56
	2	8/28	1.3, 1.5	Modifying functions, and Exponential functions	
	3	8/30	1.5-6	Inverses and logarithms	
2.		9/02		Labor Day – No classes	
	4	9/04	2.1	The basic question: tangents and velocity	
	5	9/06	2.2	Defining the limit of a function	
3.	6	9/09	2.3	Computing limits	
	7	9/11	2.4	Defining limits precisely	
	8	9/13	2.5	Continuity	
4.	9	9/16	2.6	Limits at infinity and horizontal asymptotes	
	10	9/18	2.7	Derivatives and rates of change	
	11	9/20	2.8	The derivative as a function	
5.	12	9/23	3.1	Derivatives of basic functions	
	13	9/25	3.2	The Product and quotient rules	
	14	9/27	3.3	Derivatives of trig functions	
6.	15	9/30	3.7	Applications: rates of change	
	16	10/02		Review for Exam I	
	17	10/04		Exam I	
7.	18	10/07	3.4	The Chain Rule	
	19	10/09	3.5	Implicit differentiation	
	20	10/11	3.6	Derivatives of logarithms	

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8.	21	10/14	3.8	Exponential growth and decay
	22	10/16	3.9	Related rates
	23	10/18		(To be announced)
9.	24	10/21	3.10	Linear approximation via derivatives
	25	10/23	4.1,2	Maxima, minima, and mean value
	26	10/25	4.3	How derivatives affect graph shape
10.	27	10/28	4.4	L'Hopital's Rule
	28	10/30	4.7	Optimizing
	29	11/01	4.9	Antiderivatives
11.	30	11/04		(To be announced)
	31	11/06		Review for Exam II
	32	11/08		Exam II
12.	33	11/11	5.1	Approximating areas under curves
	34	11/13	5.2	Definite Integrals
	35	11/15		(To be announced)
13.	36	11/18	5.3	The most important theorem in calculus
	37	11/20	5.4	Using the fundamental theorem: common sense, antiderivatives, and net change
	38	11/22	5.5	The substitution rule
14.		11/25		Thanksgiving break – No classes
		11/27		Thanksgiving break – No classes
		11/29		Thanksgiving break – No classes
15.	39	12/02		Review Part I: Foundations of Calculus
	40	12/04		Review Part II: Taking derivatives
	41	12/06		Review Part III: Undoing derivatives
16.	varies		Final Exam	9:00-11:00am on 12/9 or 12/11