

Math 32: Precalculus, Spring 2018
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Lectures: 3 LeConte, MWF 3-4p

Office Hours:

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Information and announcements will be posted on the course website. Please check the website regularly.

bCourses: bCourses will be used to communicate and to post your exam scores.

Discussion Sections:

(101) MW 10-11a 75 Evans Katie Henderson (katiehenderson@berkeley.edu)

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Text: Axler, Precalculus: A Prelude to Calculus, 3rd edition.

Grading:

Option 1		Option 2	
Homework	5%	Homework	5%
ALEKS	5%	ALEKS	5%
Quizzes	15%	Final	90%
Midterm 1	20%		
Midterm 2	20%		
Final	35%		

The grades of quizzes will be curved to account for differences in the difficulty of grading standards across sections. For the total score, individual exams will not be curved.

The grading will be on a curve. A letter grade will be computed for both options. The better grade will be your final grade. If you are absent from a midterm (without my permission), your final grade will be computed using Option 1 only.

Exams:

Midterm 1 Friday Feb 23, 2018 3-4p 3 LeConte

Midterm 2 Wednesday Mar 21, 2018 3-4p 3 LeConte

Final Wednesday May 9, 2018 7-10p TBD

All exams are cumulative. All exams are closed book. You cannot bring textbooks, notes, or calculators.

Homework:

See assignments and their due dates on the course website. Homework is due in the discussion section.

No late homework will be accepted. Homework will be graded for completion. Two (2) lowest homework scores will be dropped.

Quizzes:

There will be quizzes given in the discussion section. There will be no make-up quizzes. Two (2) lowest quiz scores will be dropped. See quiz dates on the website. The first quiz is on Monday Jan 29.

ALEKS

This is an online learning resource designed to help you assess your mathematical knowledge, identify gaps in that knowledge, and work in learning modules that offer individualized, self-paced online review of prerequisite topics. In this course, you will

1. Take an initial assessment during the second lecture of the course (on Friday);
2. Work in the online learning modules, as needed, during the semester;
3. Take a final assessment at the end of the semester. Exact date TBD.

Taking the initial and final assessments is required. The results of the assessments will not affect your grade, but participation in the assessments will count as 5% of your final grade. Working in the online modules is not required, but strongly encouraged, as it will help you master topics necessary to do well in this course.

Please bring a laptop to lecture on Friday, Jan 19th, on which you can complete the initial assessment. If you cannot bring a laptop or are unable to attend lecture, please email millyfarid@berkeley.edu to make alternative arrangements. Questions? Contact Milly Farid at millyfarid@berkeley.edu

Missed Exams and Special Circumstances:

There will be no make-up exams. Exceptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis for participations in official university activities, or for unusual circumstances beyond a student's control such as significant illness documented by a physician or conflict with a religious holiday. Permission for any absences from exams must be obtained by the second week of classes. Students who have not kept up fully with coursework are not eligible for exceptions.

Disabilities:

If you need accommodations during the exams, please provide the document and make arrangements via email or office hours at least 2 weeks prior the exams. Please also contact your GSI as soon as possible to make arrangements for the homework/quizzes.

Academic Dishonesty:

I will strictly follow all University and Department of Mathematics academic Honesty Policies. Any evidence of cheating on an exam will result in a score of zero (0). Cheating on the final exam results in an "F" for the course. Cheating includes but is not limited to bringing notes or written or electronic materials into an exam or quiz, copying off another person's exam or quiz, allowing someone to copy off of your exam or quiz, and having someone take an exam or quiz for you. Incidences of cheating will be reported to Student Judicial Affairs, which may administer additional punishment.