

Math 031: Calculus 1 with Review

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Format. In-person (for now). The wearing of masks covering the nose and mouth are required for all persons in attendance, myself included. If I need to isolate during the semester, or Georgetown moves to remote learning, class will move to Zoom; further details would be provided on Canvas.

Textbook. We will be using two textbooks during the course of this class:

- *Precalculus Prerequisites*, available for free at https://www.stitz-zeager.com/ch_0_links.pdf
- *Calculus: Early Transcendentals, 3rd Edition* by William Briggs, Lyle Cochran, Bernard Gillett, and Eric Schulz.

I would recommend that you purchase access to the second book electronically through MyLab Math, which will be needed for the online homework. Please let me know if you have questions.

Is this the right Calculus course for me? Math 031, along with Math 032, is the first course in a full-year sequence designed to cover the material of a typical Calculus I course, but incorporating algebra and precalculus review throughout. In particular, this sequence is appropriate for students who have little or no exposure to calculus and who do not have a strong precalculus or algebra background. Students who do not get a passing score of 75 on the Calculus Readiness Assessment must register for this sequence. More information can be found [on the Math Department website](#).

Course Description. This course will consist of an introduction to Calculus, a collection of tools to study real-valued functions of a single variable. Along the way, we will review important concepts from algebra and precalculus. The subjects will be approached from both a conceptual and a computational viewpoint. Additionally, the course will also require you to effectively communicate solutions to problems.

You will investigate the following “big questions”:

- What are some common objects and operations used throughout mathematics?
- How can we display the relationship between two quantities?
- Which functions are often used to model the change in one quantity or value when it is determined by another quantity or value?
- What functions can we use to model smoothly-changing motion? For an object in motion, how do we measure the change in position for that object at a given instant in time?
- What phenomena can we model using limits, derivatives, and elementary functions?

By the end of the semester, you will be able to:

- set up and solve word problems
- explain the results and context of your computations
- interpret formulas and processes
- clearly communicate your solution process.
- collaborate and produce work with others

Class Structure. Mathematics, like many skills, cannot be learned simply by observing. Listening to Chopin will not help you learn to play the piano, and watching Wimbledon doesn't help you learn to hit a strong forehand. To encourage the growth of these skills and learning outcomes, we will incorporate methods from an education philosophy called "active learning", and use aspects of a "flipped classroom" style of instruction. The majority of our class time together will consist of working on guided worksheets or projects in small groups. There will be less traditional lecturing so that student engagement with the material is the primary focus.

While working in groups:

- *Share responsibility for making sure all voices are heard:* If you tend to have a lot to say, make sure you leave sufficient space to hear from others. If you tend to stay quiet in group discussions, challenge yourself to contribute so others can learn from you.
- *Understand that we are bound to make mistakes in this space:* Everybody (myself included!) does so when approaching complex tasks or learning new skills. In particular, you are invited to step outside your comfort zone!

Homework and Assessment. This active learning will be scaffolded by two types of homework:

(1) **Daily Homework, due at the start of every class**

In order to prepare for active in-class learning, there will be short daily assignments, taking the form of *Modules* in Canvas. Typically, these will include an introduction to the topic of the day, usually by either a short video lecture or a link to an online visualization, and a short Canvas quiz on the introduced material.

(2) **MyLab Math Online Weekly Homework, due every Monday at 11:59 pm**

There will be weekly assignments on [Pearson's MyLab Math](#), covering material from the previous week. Use the Course ID **bonventre21162** to access the system for this class. You receive free access for two weeks, though after that, you will need to purchase access. Access can come bundled with the textbook, but also can be purchased on the MyLab website. You can also purchase access to an e-book version of the text.

Additionally, there will be the following assessments:

(4) **Quizzes, every Wednesday at the start of class.**

Each Wednesday will begin with a short, in-class, closed-note quiz, covering the material on Monday's online homework.

(5) **Midterms. Projects**

There will not be timed midterms. Instead, you will complete several **take-home group projects** during the semester. These will be week-long assignments, completed with (usually) two other students. During the weeks these are due, there will be no quizzes.

Tentative project due dates:

September 10, October 8, November 5, December 3

(6) **Final exam.**

There will be a cumulative, two hour final exam at the registrar's scheduled time:

Section 01: **Thursday December 16 from 1230-230pm.**

Section 03: **Friday December 17 from 4-6pm.**

These **cannot** be taken early, so please make travel arrangements accordingly.

Tokens. Each student will have two **tokens**. Communicated to me before hand, these can be used to grant a 2-day extension on any Online Homework. Otherwise, late assignments will **not** be accepted. However, only the ten best Online Homework and Quiz grades will count towards your final grade.

Grading. Grades will be assigned based on the following scheme:

Participation — 20%

Online Homework — 10%

Quizzes — 25%

Projects — 25%

Final Exam — 20%

Course expectations. This is a weird and difficult time for us all. I expect myself to work hard to make this class effective and flexible, and I expect you to do the same.

You are expected to complete your assignments, come to class on time, and be ready to participate and engage with the material and their fellow classmates. Additionally, you are responsible for announcements made in class, sent to your Georgetown email account, or through Canvas.

Participation. Your participation score is based on three things: your Daily Homework (half of which is based on completion), your attendance, and your active involvement in the class and groupwork. As listed above, participation is **20 percent** of your grade this semester. Your effort and energy into our class time together is essential to this course. You get out what you put in; this grading scheme codifies that numerically.

Attendance. I will be taking attendance daily (for COVID tracing and for the course). If you miss several days, this will be noticed, and unless we have been in communication this will begin to affect your participation grade. Additionally, as this class is participation and discussion focused, and the material builds on itself, missing class will most likely affect your ability to perform well in this course.

That being said, there is no standard attendance policy that can fit our current situation. Most/all of us are vaccinated, which lowers the chance that we'll get or transmit COVID, but does not eliminate the possibility or risk, nor does it alleviate all of the different ways COVID may interfere with your ability to attend class. In light of all this, I would ask that you **come to class if you can**, as it will provide the largest benefit to you and your classmates. However, if you cannot make class, just let me know. Above all, **please do not come to class if you are sick**. I'd rather you miss class, and we work together to make up material, than for you to give a classmate COVID. I will not ask for medical documentation or many specifics; instead, I will trust your judgment in these matters.

Please also see [Georgetown's Quarantine and Isolation Policy](#).

Electronic Devices. Use of calculators is **not permitted**.

Additionally, during class, all electronic devices which are not being used to facilitate learning should be put away. Electronic devices such as phones, laptops, and tablets are a large distraction from instruction, causing anyone viewing them to retain and understand less of what is being discussed in class (this includes the user and anyone behind them).

Academic Integrity. By taking this class, you assume responsibility towards following the policies of [Georgetown University's Honor System](#). If you cheat in this class (e.g. using assistance of any form on exams, presenting someone else's work as your own), you risk failing the course.

Collaboration. Mathematics is an inherently collaborative and social activity. You are encouraged to work together on your online homework assignments. However, the solutions you submit for credit **must be your own work**.

You are **not** allowed to work together on exams or quizzes, nor use books, notes, the internet, etc.

Accommodations. It is my job to provide all students with an accessible and inclusive learning environment. Some aspects of this course, the assignments, the in-class activities, and the way the course is usually taught may be modified to facilitate your participation and progress. As soon as you make me aware of your needs, we can work with the [Academic Resource Center](#) to determine appropriate accommodations. Any information you provide is private and confidential, and will be treated as such.

Title IX and Sexual Misconduct. Georgetown University and its faculty are committed to supporting survivors and those impacted by sexual misconduct, which includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, and stalking. Georgetown requires faculty members, unless otherwise designated as confidential, to report all disclosures of sexual misconduct to the University Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator. If you disclose an incident of sexual misconduct to a professor in or outside of the classroom (with the exception of disclosures in papers), that faculty member must report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator, or Deputy Title IX Coordinator. The coordinator will, in turn, reach out to the student to provide support, resources, and the option to meet. [Please note that the student is not required to meet with the Title IX coordinator.]. More information about reporting options and resources can be found on the Sexual Misconduct Website: <https://sexualassault.georgetown.edu/resourcecenter>.

If you would prefer to speak to someone confidentially, Georgetown has a number of fully confidential professional resources that can provide support and assistance. These resources include:

Health Education Services for Sexual Assault Response and Prevention: confidential email <mailto:sarp@georgetown.edu>

Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS): 202.687.6985 or after hours, call (833) 960-3006 to reach Fonemed, a telehealth service; individuals may ask for the on-call CAPS clinician.

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Advice.

- Work with others!
- Attend class, participate, and ask questions.
- Office hours are a great place to ask questions, go over material, and work through problems.
- Drop by the [Math Assistance Center](#) for free tutoring.
- Learning is not fast, don't try to rush it. Be patient with yourself.
- Just because the first approach at a problem does not work, does not mean that the second or third will not. Sometimes the first thing you (or I) try doesn't work, but this does not necessarily mean that you do not understand the tools required to solve the problem.
- Start your homework early and work together! Get help when needed, at office hours, the MAC, or from your peers.

Important Dates.

- Last day to Add/Drop: September 3
- No classes (Labor Day): September 6
- No classes (Mid-semester holiday): October 11
- Last day to withdraw with a W: November 18
- No classes (Thanksgiving/Fall Recess): November 25–26
- Last day of Classes: December 6
- Last day of Finals: December 17