

Online PreCalculus Pre-Semester Course Information 2022-2023

This document is meant to provide initial information regarding textbooks and testing for students who have just registered, or are considering registering, for my Online Pre-Calculus course. This is not intended to be a full syllabus. The syllabus for the course will always be housed in Canvas once the course begins.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIAL: Our text for this course is *A Graphical Approach to PreCalculus with Limits, 7th edition, by Hornsby, Lial and Rockswold.* On the Valencia Bookstore website you there are two items listed as required. The first is the Pearson/MyMathLab access code for our specific textbook and is required for our course. The access code purchased from the bookstore will give you 24 months access to the ebook and MyMathLab course. FYI You can also purchase this 24 month access code directly from Pearson as you Register for our course (directions in the Syllabus,) Do know that there is a less expensive one-semester (18 weeks) option available directly from Pearson. The downside is that if for some reason you don't complete the course this semester you'll have to purchase another access code to retake the course. I will also mention that some professors (including myself) also use this same textbook for MAC1114 Trigonometry. So if you plan to take that course in a future semester, it might be worth it to get the 24-month access, as you can use it for both courses.

The second item on the Bookstore website is a WebCam. This is NOT something you have to purchase from the Bookstore. Because I use Honorlock, the Bookstore puts this on automatically. If your current laptop/chromebook/computer already has a webcam (most do), you do NOT need to purchase this separately.



Adesso Cybertrack H3
Webcam

MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAM:

To promote academic integrity during online testing, the Midterm and Final Exam will be proctored via Honorlock. In order to use this service you need to have a computer/laptop that has a working webcam and microphone (almost all laptop/chromebooks do). You will be asked to confirm (during your Syllabus Quiz the first week of class) that you do have a computer/laptop that has a working webcam/microphone. Additionally, we will have a required "Honorlock Practice Assignment" due a week or so before the Midterm. Completing this Practice Assignment will insure that Honorlock is working well on your equipment before the day you need to use it to take the Midterm Exam.

CALCULATOR POLICY:

A graphing calculator is **required** for this course. The TI-84 is recommended, but any graphing calculator that does not perform symbolic manipulation is acceptable. You will be required to use the calculator on Homework, Quizzes, and proctored Midterm and Final Exams.