

## MATH 120B SYLLABUS

### Precalculus Summer 2008

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**Lecture:** MWF 9:40 - 10:40 in BLM 313  
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**Text:** Collingwood and Prince *Precalculus 2007-2008 Edition*

**Office Hours:** Office Hours are a time for you to stop by and ask me any questions you have without making an appointment. These are scheduled on Wednesday from 11:00 (after class) - 1:00 in my office (PDL C-541). If these hours don't work for you, please let me know. I'm open to changing them.

**Textbook:** As noted above, the text for this course is *Precalculus* by Collingwood and Prince. This is available for purchase at **Professional Copy 'n' Print, 4200 University Way NE**. It is also available for free online at <http://www.math.washington.edu/~m120/>. We will be covering all 23 chapters of this text.

**Homework:** With the exception of the first homework (assigned today), homework will be assigned on Fridays and due the following Friday (i.e. you have one week to complete the homework). All assignments will be posted on the course webpage. No late homework will be accepted. If you cannot complete one assignment, don't worry: your lowest homework score for the quarter will be dropped. **Carefully doing the homework problems is the best way to learn the material**, so please plan to spend a significant amount of time on the assigned exercises. Working with others is encouraged, but each person must turn in their own assignment.

**Exams** There will be two midterm exams and one final exam held during class time. The first midterm will be Thursday, July 17th. The second midterm will be Thursday, August 7th. The final exam will be held on the last day of class, August, 22nd. A scientific calculator is sufficient for the exams. All other electronic devices are not allowed.

You will also be allowed 1 hand-written 8.5 x 11 sheet of notes. Makeup exams will not be given.

**Quiz Section/Test Prep** On Tuesdays and Thursdays you will be meeting with a teaching assistant (T.A.). This is a time to discuss questions from homework or lecture. Please come prepared with questions. On Tuesdays part of the period will be used to prepare you for exams by discussing a previous math 120 exam problem in a relaxed environment. This is meant as a replacement for quizzes. Participation at the test prep sections will account for a (small) part of your grade.

**Grading** 36% of your grade will be based on the final, 26% on midterm 1, 26% on midterm 2, 10% on homework and 2% on test prep participation.

**Final Words** In this class you will do a *huge* amount of story problems. They are hard, and it is natural to struggle with them. It is in my best interest for you to do well in this course, so if you have problems please contact me. On the class webpage there are several other resources posted.

### HW 1: Due Friday June 27th

Section	Problems
1.4	1, 2, 9, 17
2.5	6, 12, 13, 14
3.4	1, 8