



WAUBONSEE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Calculus with Analytic Geometry I  
MTH 131-001, Fall 2025  
Sugar Grove Campus, BDE 244  
MW 12:30pm-2:10pm

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### Course Description

This first course in calculus presents analytic geometry and the calculus of algebraic and transcendental functions including the study of limits, derivatives, differentials, and an introduction to integration. The techniques of calculus will be used to analyze functions and their graphs, solve real-world applications, develop computational and numerical methods, and analyze the relationship between differentiation and integration using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

### Prerequisite(s)

C or better in MTH 111 and 112; or C or better in MTH 129 (Precalculus I) and MTH 130 (Precalculus II); or C or better in MTH 130 and required placement score; or placement by appropriate measures.

### Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) Codes

M1 900-1, MTH 901

## Course Materials

### Textbook

Strang & Herman (2016). *Calculus--Volume 1*. OpenStax, ISBN: 978-1-938168-02-4

(A print copy of the textbook is not required for the class, but you must have access to the ebook, which is freely available online at <https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-1>.)

### Class Materials and Resources

The TI-83/84 Graphing Calculator is required for the course.

## Important Class Notes

Recommended Corequisite: None

Course Delivery Mode: Face-to-face

Credit Hours: 4.0

## Course Objectives

Throughout this course, the student will learn to:

1. state and use the epsilon-delta definition of the limit;
2. apply the concept of continuity, including the Intermediate Value Theorem;
3. use the definition of the derivative and interpret the derivative as both an instantaneous rate of change and as the slope of the tangent line to a function at a point;
4. differentiate functions using the rules for differentiation: power, product, quotient, and chain rules;
5. differentiate exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions;
6. locate extreme values, points of inflection, and asymptotes of graphs of functions;
7. find and apply higher-order derivatives and understand how they relate to the graph of a function;
8. solve applied optimization problems;
9. use implicit differentiation and solve related rates problems;
10. apply Newton's Method;
11. apply Rolle's Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem; and
12. state and use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

## Student Learning Outcomes

### Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. apply techniques of calculus to analyze functions and their graphs;
2. solve real-world problems using differential calculus;

3. apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to analyze the relationship between differentiation and integration; and
4. attain computational facility in integral calculus.

### College Learning Outcomes

This course contributes to the following college learning outcomes:

- ☒ **Critical Thinking**  
Examine information in order to propose or develop solutions or construct arguments.
- ☐ **Communication**  
Use clear language to communicate meaning appropriate to various contexts and audiences.
- ☐ **Quantitative Literacy**  
Make judgments or draw appropriate conclusions based on the quantitative analysis of data.
- ☐ **Global Awareness**  
Describe the interconnectedness of issues, trends or systems using diverse perspectives.
- ☐ **Information Literacy**  
Use technology to ethically research, evaluate or create information.

### Methods of Evaluation of Student Learning, Grading Criteria, and Scale

Your performance in this course will be evaluated based on the following components:

#### Grading Criteria

Total points: 500

Grading Components	Score	Quantity	Subtotal	Percent
Tests	100	3	300 points	60%
Quizzes	10	10	100 points	20%
Comprehensive Final Exam	100	1	100 points	20%

#### Grading Scale

A  $\geq$  89.50%      B  $\geq$  79.50%      C  $\geq$  69.50%      D  $\geq$  59.50%      F < 59.50%

You can estimate your current grade at any time during the semester by computing the following percentage:  $100\% * (\text{Total points accumulated}) / (\text{Total points possible})$ . Please feel free to discuss your grade at any time during the semester. Throughout the semester, current grades will be available in our Canvas course shell.

## Attendance, late work, and make-up policy

Regular class attendance is an essential component of successful learning. Students are responsible for prompt attendance and participation in all class meetings. If you miss class, you will not be allowed to make up any tests, quizzes, or assignments that you may have missed (**but you may reschedule a test or quiz in advance of a missed class period**). All material covered in class is the student's responsibility.

## Description and Details of Assignments

### Practice Problems & Reading Assignments

Practice problems from the online textbook will be suggested daily and posted to the class website. Practice problems will not be collected for grading, but they should be considered mandatory. It is important that you keep up to date with the problems. These problems will prepare you for the tests and weekly quizzes. Also on a daily basis, you will be asked to read and work through the posted lecture notes.

### Quizzes

Be prepared for a 10-point, in-class quiz on each Wednesday, unless a test is scheduled (see the course schedule). No make-up quizzes will be given (unless scheduled prior to the quiz). Quizzes may have take-home portions. At the end of the semester, only your top ten (10) quizzes will count toward your overall grade. Quiz problems will be similar to class examples and textbook problems. In addition to computational problems, quizzes may include multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and/or writing problems. There may be quiz problems for which calculators will not be allowed.

### Tests

Test problems will be similar to class examples, textbook problems, and quiz problems. In addition to computational problems, tests may include multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and/or writing problems. There may be test problems for which calculators will not be allowed. **You must show all work (showing how you got your answer) on all tests to receive full credit.** You must work individually on all tests. No make-up tests will be given (unless scheduled prior to the test). At the end of the semester, your lowest test score will be replaced by your final exam score (if this helps you).

### Final Exam

The final exam is comprehensive and will be worth 100 points toward your final grade. **The final exam is NOT optional.** The final exam is scheduled for our last class period, Wednesday, December 10.

### Calculators

The TI-83/84 graphing calculator is required for this course. There are graphing calculator emulators available for smart phones and tablets--you may use these during class periods, but

not during tests. If you would like to use a graphing calculator other than the TI-83/84, please discuss your options with your instructor. When we require more computational power than our hand-held calculators offer, we will use SageMath (<https://www.sagemath.org/>). **There will be some problems on tests and quizzes for which calculators are not allowed.**

## Phones/Tablets/Laptops

Electronic devices may be used for taking notes and computing during lectures, but they may not be used on in-class tests. These devices must be silenced and put away during tests. Students in special circumstances who require their phones to be readily available must discuss their situations with the instructor.

## Institutional Policy

### Withdrawal

Waubonsee Community College reserves the right to administratively withdraw students who are not actively attending. Students may withdraw themselves from this course until the date noted on the Tuition Refunds page.

\*\*\* Please see the [Student Handbook](#) for other course policies and procedures.

## Institutional Statements

### Academic Integrity

Waubonsee Community College believes that all members of the community (students, faculty, staff, and administrators) have a responsibility to participate in learning with honesty, respect, and integrity. We must commit to engage in learning both in and out of the classroom, value each member in our learning community, demonstrate original thought, and help foster ethical, open, safe learning environments for all. For more information, please see the Waubonsee Community College Plagiarism Statement section in the [Student Handbook](#).

### Accessibility and Disability Statement

Accessibility is a value of our institution. We are committed to creating environments that are welcoming and that support all students' learning. If you experience barriers to your learning in this course please notify the instructor as soon as possible to discuss options. Students who experience barriers due to disability may contact the Access Center for Disability Resources to begin this conversation or establish accommodations.

### Plagiarism

Waubonsee firmly upholds sound principles of academic integrity and responsibility. Plagiarism and cheating are serious infractions of academic integrity, and, as such, are considered breaches of the Code of Student Conduct. If a student has violated this policy, I will report the infraction

to the Dean for Student Success and Retention and the student may fail the assignment or the course, depending on the severity or the number of infractions.

## Student Support Services and Resources

Waubonsee Community College is committed to your success, and has many free supports, services, and resources available to you. Please visit the [Waubonsee Cares](#) page for links to basic needs (food, shelter, safety, etc.) support and resources both on campus and in the community. Please see the [Student Experience](#) page for more information and to get connected with Academic Support, Career Development, Counseling and Advising, Disability Resources, Student Life, Student Services, Technical Assistance Center, the Veterans Program, and many more! If you're not sure what type of assistance you need, please talk to me and I will help get you connected.

## Course Schedule

Week (Date)	Textbook Sections	Topics & Assignments
<b>Week 1</b> Aug 18 & Aug 20	Course Information, Sections 2.2 & 2.3 (Lecture notes 3-4)	Intro to limits (Quiz on 8/20)
<b>Week 2</b> Aug 25 & Aug 27	Sections 2.3 & 2.4 (Lecture notes 4-6)	Limits and limit laws, Continuity (Quiz on 8/27)
<b>Week 3</b> Sep 3	Sections 2.4 & 2.5 (Lecture notes 7-9)	Continuity, Formal definition of limit (Quiz on 9/3)
<b>Week 4</b> Sep 8 & Sep 10	Sections 3.1 & 3.2 (Lecture notes 10-11), <b>Test 1 on Wednesday, Sep 10</b>	Derivatives, Test 1 covers sections 2.2-3.1
<b>Week 5</b> Sep 15 & Sep 17	Sections 3.2, 3.3, & 3.4 (Lecture notes 12-14)	Basic differentiation rules, Rates of change (Quiz on 9/17)
<b>Week 6</b> Sep 22 & Sep 24	Sections 3.5, 3.6, & 3.8 (Lecture notes 15-16)	Derivatives of trig functions, Chain rule, Implicit differentiation (Quiz on 9/24)
<b>Week 7</b> Sep 29 & Oct 1	Sections 3.7, 3.8, & 3.9 (Lecture notes 17-18)	Derivatives of inverse, exponential, and logarithmic functions (Quiz on 10/1)
<b>Week 8</b> Oct 6 & Oct 8	Catch up/Review, <b>Test 2 on Wednesday, Oct 8</b>	Test 2 covers sections 3.1-3.9.
<b>Week 9</b> Oct 13 & Oct 15	Sections 4.1, 4.2, & 4.3 (Lecture notes 19-22)	Related rates, Linearizations, Extreme values (Quiz on 10/15)
<b>Week 10</b> Oct 20 & Oct 22	Sections 4.4, 4.5, & 4.6 (Lecture notes 23-26)	Mean Value Theorem, 1st & 2nd derivative tests, Limits at infinity (Quiz on 10/22)
<b>Week 11</b> Oct 27 & Oct 29	Sections 4.7, 4.8, & 4.9 (Lecture notes 27-29)	Optimization, L'Hopital's rule, Newton's method (Quiz on 10/29)
<b>Week 12</b> Nov 3 & Nov 5	Section 4.10 (Lecture notes 30), <b>Test 3 on Wednesday, Nov 5</b>	Antiderivatives, Test 3 covers sections 4.1-4.9.

Week (Date)	Textbook Sections	Topics & Assignments
<b>Week 13</b> Nov 10 & Nov 12	Sections 5.1, 5.2, & 5.3 (Lecture notes 31-34)	Area, Definite integrals, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (Quiz on 11/12)
<b>Week 14</b> Nov 17 & Nov 19	Sections 5.3, 5.4 (Lecture notes 34-35)	Fundamental theorems, Integration formulas (Quiz on 11/19)
<b>Break</b> Nov 24 & Nov 26	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	No classes
<b>Week 15</b> Dec 1 & Dec 3	Sections 5.5, 5.6 & 5.7 (Lecture notes 36-37)	Substitution; Integrals involving exponential, logarithmic, and inverse trig functions (Quiz on 12/3)
<b>Week 16</b> Dec 8 & Dec 10	Review, <b>Final Exam on Wednesday, Dec 10</b>	Final exam is comprehensive with emphasis on course learning outcomes.

November 7 is the last day for students to withdraw themselves. Please check the current Waubonsee [Academic Calendar](#) for important dates.

## Class Website

Course information, including tests, quizzes, and answer keys, can be found on the class website at <http://stevekifowit.com/classes/m131.htm>.



Grades, announcements, and Zoom meeting information (if necessary) will be posted in our Canvas course shell. Other course information will be available on the class website.

## Change of Delivery Mode

In the event that we must discontinue our face-to-face class meetings, we will automatically transition to synchronous Zoom meetings at our scheduled days and times. In such a case, Zoom meeting information will be in our Canvas Course shell. Office hours will probably transition to Zoom as well. Check for announcements in our Canvas course shell.