

**Tennessee Technological University
Mathematics Department**

MATH 1710: Precalculus Algebra

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION FROM CATALOG:

Review of algebra; relations and functions and their graphs, including polynomial and rational functions; conic sections; inequalities, arithmetic and geometric sequences and series. Lec. 3. Cr. 3.

II. PREREQUISITE(S):

A minimum ACT Math sub-score of 22 or SAT Math sub-score of 520 or COMPASS Algebra score of 60, OR a minimum grade of C in MATH 1000.

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES(S):

Build on (not replicate) the competencies gained through the study of two years of high school algebra and one year of high school geometry. Use mathematics to solve problems and determine if the solutions are reasonable. Use mathematics to model real world behaviors and apply mathematical concepts to the solution of real-life problems. Make meaningful connections between mathematics and other disciplines. Use technology for mathematical reasoning and problem solving. Apply mathematical and/or basic statistical reasoning to analyze data and graphs. Refine the algebraic, geometric, and reading comprehension skills necessary in the study of calculus.

IV. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course the student will manipulate both numeric and algebraic expressions; solve various types of algebraic equations and inequalities; distinguish between relations and functions and create graphs by hand of a variety of functions; compute the solution to a system of equations both graphically and algebraically, and interpret the corresponding result. This course is intended as a prerequisite for MATH 1910.

V. TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

Chapter 1 Fundamentals

- 1.5 Equations
- 1.6 Complex Numbers
- 1.9 The Coordinate Plane; Graphs of Equations; Circles

Chapter 2 Functions

- 2.2 Functions
- 2.3 Graphs of Functions
- 2.4 Getting Information from the Graph of a Function
- 2.5 Average Rate of Change of a Function
- 2.6 Linear Functions and Models
- 2.7 Transformations of Functions
- 2.8 Combining Functions
- 2.9 One-to-One Functions and Their Inverses

Chapter 3 Polynomial and Rational Functions

- 3.1 Quadratic Functions and Models
- 3.2 Polynomial Functions and Their Graphs
- 3.3 Dividing Polynomials
- 3.4 Real Zeros of Polynomials
- 3.5 Complex Zeros and the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra
- 3.6 Rational Functions
- 3.7 Polynomial and Rational Inequalities

Chapter 4 Exponential, and Logarithmic Functions

- 4.1 Exponential Functions

4.2 The Natural Exponential Function
4.3 Logarithmic Functions
4.4 Laws of Logarithms
4.5 Exponential and Logarithmic Equations
4.6 Modeling with Exponential Functions
4.7 Logarithmic Scales (**Optional**)
Chapter 10 **Systems of Equations and Inequalities**

10.7 Partial Fractions

Chapter 12 **Sequences and Series**

12.1 Sequences and Summation Notation
12.2 Arithmetic Sequences
12.3 Geometric Sequences
12.4 Mathematics of Finance
12.5 Mathematical Induction-**Omit**
12.6 The Binomial Theorem

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

VII. POSSIBLE TEXTS AND REFERENCES:

Precalculus: Mathematics for Calculus, 7th edition James Stewart Lothar Redlin and Saleem Watson

VIII. ANY TECHNOLOGY THAT MAY BE USED:

WebAssign

IX. STUDENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY:

Maintaining high standards of academic integrity in every class at Tennessee Tech is critical to the reputation of Tennessee Tech, its students, alumni, and the employers of Tennessee Tech graduates. The Student Academic Misconduct Policy describes the definitions of academic misconduct and policies and procedures for addressing Academic Misconduct at Tennessee Tech. For details, view the Tennessee Tech's Policy 217 – Student Academic Misconduct at [Policy Central](#).

X. DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION:

Students with a disability requiring accommodations should contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS). An Accommodation Request (AR) should be completed as soon as possible, preferably by the end of the first week of the course. The ODS is located in the Roaden University Center, Room 112; phone 372-6119. For details, view the Tennessee Tech's Policy 340 – Services for Students with Disabilities at [Policy Central](#).