

**MA 103 Trigonometry**

Alabama School of Math and Science

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Course web site: brewermath.com (redirects to mathemartiste.com)

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:00-8:55 (1<sup>st</sup> per), Wed 2:45-4:40 (8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> per/"after school")

Math Lab (free tutoring): Monday-Thursday 6:30-8:30pm in S201, and some Sundays per request

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**Course Description:** This course covers trigonometry functions, inverse trigonometric functions, graphs, identities, trigonometric equations and applications, solving triangles, and vectors.

**Prerequisite:** Accelerated Algebra or equivalent score on placement exam.

**Next in Sequence:** To fulfill the ASMS graduation requirement, you need one course beyond Precalculus. The recommended sequence is Precal in Winter term, then Differential Calculus in Spring term, or for those doubling up Trig and Precal, Differential Calculus in Winter and Integral Calculus in Spring.

**Text:** Bittinger et al, *Precalculus: Graphs and Models*, 6th edition, Chapters 6, 7, and 8.

**Required Materials:** 3-ring binder with notebook paper and dividers

Students will regularly turn in this notebook with reflections on assignments, performance, and learning. Dividers should be labeled as follows:

1. Handouts – This section should include the syllabus, formula sheets, or any other materials that are distributed in class that do not fall into another category.
2. Class Notes – This section should include any handouts with fill-in note slides and any other notes taken by the student, clearly labeled with the date and section or topic title, ordered according to date. Note that any lecture notes presented using the Smart Board will be exported in .pdf format and posted to my teaching web site for student convenience.
3. Classwork – This section should include Quizzes, Tests, Calculator Labs, Free Response Question responses, and any other assignments completed in class, clearly labeled and in order by date.
4. Homework – This section should include notes taken on videos assigned, problem sets assigned from the textbook and Khan Academy, and any other assignments completed outside of class.
5. Reflection – This section should include study guides with material grouped by chapter/section/topic, written reflections after each graded assignment is returned, and copies of Progress Reports.

**Calculators:** Students will have in-class access to both scientific and graphing calculators.

For any out-of-class assignments requiring calculator use, students are encouraged to utilize wolframalpha.com and desmos.com. Calculators will not be allowed at all on many assignments.

**Tutoring:** All students are encouraged to attend my weekly Office Hours and the evening student-run Math Lab for help with homework and studying. Even if you do not have a specific question about the material, come by and work on your homework free from distractions and with math experts nearby to help. When you come, make sure you have both your notebook and textbook with you. The primary goal of tutoring is to help you figure out the answers for yourself, not to give you the answer, but if you get stuck, please speak up, even if a Math Lab proctor or myself are helping another student. One-on-one tutoring is available from the Academic Support Team, coordinated by the counseling office.

**Make-up policy:** Any homework checks, quizzes, or tests missed due to unexcused absences will receive a grade of zero. Homework assigned during a student's absence must be turned in within three days of the student returning to class. All assignments will be available on both the calendar and in the course notes posted at brewermath.com. Arrangements to make-up tests must be done BEFORE the test is missed. In case of unexpected illness, this can be done via email. Note: make-up assignments will, in general, be more difficult than the original.

**Cell phone policy:** Phones should be SILENT or OFF (not on vibrate) and away. I reserve the right to confiscate any phone that I deem a distraction. Use of cell phones during quizzes or tests will be considered academic dishonesty and result in a grade of zero. Occasionally, we may use smartphone apps in class, but phones should remain away unless otherwise specified.

**Attendance and Tardiness Policy:** Three tardies count as one unexcused absence. A student with three unexcused absences may be assigned a grade of WF for the course. Students are responsible for acquiring any missed notes and assignments (as these are posted on the web, this should not be a problem, but check with a classmate to see if you missed anything not posted).

**Grade determination:** Grades will be assigned based on total points earned out of total points possible. Homework assignments and tests will be posted on the course calendar on my teaching web site and on Netclassroom. Khan Academy assignments will be given regularly. It is the student's responsibility to check these daily to make sure they are not missing anything. Grades will be posted on Netclassroom.

**Tests** are worth 100 points each, and will consist primarily of material covered since the prior test, but will also include some review questions. Tests will consist of questions similar to what students will see on the AP Calculus Exam. The final exam will be comprehensive and is worth 200 points.

Tentative test dates: Week 3, Week 5, Week 8, Week 10

**Homework** assignments typically range in point value from 5-20 points, and should be labeled neatly with your name, date, textbook chapter & section and/or video title as relevant, and problem numbers. Since many textbook problems assigned will be odd-numbered, students should check their own work for accuracy and ask the instructor or Math Lab proctors to check even-numbered problems. Credit will not be given for answers copied from the back of the book or from another student. Show all of your own work. Some assignments may be submitted via turnitin.com. Assignments made on Khan Academy should be worked out on paper and kept in the appropriate notebook section. Even when not required, use of this resource is encouraged.

**Quizzes and other in-class assignments** typically range in point value from 10 to 50 points. Quizzes will be a combination of theory (rules, definitions, and formulas) and problems similar to and directly from homework assignments. Quizzes can occur any day of the week and may be announced or unannounced. If you miss a quiz with an excused absence for which a make-up quiz is not available, you will have fewer total possible points. If a make-up quiz is available, it must be made up within 3 days of a student's return to class. Quizzes missed due to unexcused absences will receive a grade of 0.

## Mathematical Practices for AP Calculus (MPACs)

These six practices are skills that real mathematicians use that you will practice this term and bring with you as you progress into higher-level mathematics courses.

Consider these when writing reflections on your assignments.

### MPAC 1: Reasoning with definitions and theorems. Students can:

- Use definitions and theorems to build arguments, to justify conclusions or answers, and to prove results.
- Confirm that hypotheses have been satisfied in order to apply the conclusion of a theorem.
- Apply definitions and theorems in the process of solving a problem.
- Interpret quantifiers in definitions and theorems (e.g., "for all," "there exists").
- Develop conjectures based on exploration with technology.
- Produce examples and counterexamples to clarify understanding of definitions, to investigate whether converses of theorems are true or false, or to test conjectures.

### MPAC 2: Connecting concepts. Students can:

- Use the connection between concepts to solve problems.
- Connect concepts to their visual representations with and without technology.
- Identify a common underlying structure in problems involving different contextual situations.

### MPAC 3: Implementing algebraic/computational processes. Students can:

- Select appropriate mathematical strategies.
- Sequence algebraic/computational procedures logically.
- Complete algebraic/computational processes correctly.
- Apply technology strategically to solve problems.
- Attend to precision graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally and specify units of measure.
- Connect the results of algebraic/computational processes to the question asked.

### MPAC 4: Connecting multiple representations. Students can:

- Associate tables, graphs, and symbolic representations of functions.
- Develop concepts using graphical, symbolical, verbal, or numerical representations with and without technology.
- Identify how mathematical characteristics of functions are related in different representations.
- Extract and interpret mathematical content from any presentation of a function (e.g., utilize information from a table of values).
- Construct one representational form from another (e.g., a table from a graph or a graph from given information).
- Consider multiple representations (graphical, numerical, analytical, and verbal) of a function to select or construct a useful representation for solving a problem.

### MPAC 5: Building notational fluency. Students can:

- Know and use a variety of notations.
- Connect notation to definitions.
- Connect notation to different representations (graphical, numerical, analytical, and verbal).
- Assign meaning to notation, accurately interpreting the notation in a given problem and across different contexts.

### MPAC 6: Communicating. Students can:

- Clearly present methods, reasoning, justifications, and conclusions.
- Use accurate and precise language and notation.
- Explain the meaning of expressions, notation, and results in terms of a context (including units).
- Explain the connections among concepts.
- Critically interpret and accurately report information provided by technology.
- Analyze, evaluate, and compare the reasoning of others.

## **Trigonometry Fall 2017 Tentative Topic Schedule**

### **Week 1** – August 14-18

- 6.1 – Trigonometric Functions of Acute Angles
- 6.2 – Applications of Right Triangles

### **Week 2** – August 21-25

- 6.3 – Trigonometric Functions of Any Angle
- 6.4 – Radians, Arc Length, and Angular Speed

### **Week 3** – August 25 – September 1

- Test 1
- 6.5 – Circular Functions: Graphs and Properties
- 6.6 – Graphs of Transformed Sine and Cosine Functions

### **Week 4** – September 5-8 (no classes Sept 4, Sept 8 is 1<sup>st</sup> grade posting)

- 6.6 – Graphing

### **Week 5** – September 11-15

- Test 2
- 7.1 – Identities: Pythagorean and Sum and Difference

### **Week 6** – September 18-20 (Sept 21-22 is Fall break)

- 7.2 – Identities: Cofunction, Double-Angle, and Half-Angle
- 7.3 – Proving Trigonometric Identities

### **Week 7** – September 25-29 (Sept 29 is 2<sup>nd</sup> grade posting)

- 7.4 – Inverses of Trigonometric Functions

### **Week 8** – October 2-6 (Oct 7 is Parents Day)

- 7.5 – Solving Trigonometric Equations
- Test 3

### **Week 9** – October 9-13 (Spirit Week)

- 8.1 – The Law of Sines
- 8.2 – The Law of Cosines

### **Week 10** – October 16-20 (Oct 18 is 3<sup>rd</sup> grade posting)

- 8.3 – Complex Numbers: Trigonometric Notation
- 8.4 – Polar Coordinates and Graphs
- Test 4

### **Week 11** – October 23-26

- 8.5 – Vectors and Applications
- 8.6 – Vector Operations

### **Final Exams** – October 27-November 1

Return this page to Mrs. Brewer, signed, by Friday August 18, and place the rest of the syllabus in your notebook.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Read your syllabus in full if you have not already done so.**

I have read the syllabus for Mrs. Brewer’s Fall 2017 Trigonometry course and understand the expectations of the class. I will keep this syllabus in the front of my notebook and use it as a guide throughout the year. **I have signed this syllabus as a statement of accepting the challenges and responsibilities of this class in order to achieve my greatest academic potential.**

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Create a Khan Academy account if you have not already done so. Log in and go to [khanacademy.org/coaches](https://khanacademy.org/coaches) (or click the “coaches” tab from your profile) and enter the coach code specific to this Trigonometry course: N7BKM9**

I have logged into Khan Academy and added coach code N7BKM9. I have my log-in information written down somewhere safe so that I can easily recover it. I know to check Khan Academy daily for new assignments, which could take the form of videos to watch, articles to read, or exercises to work. I will seek mastery of topics in the Trigonometry mission to help me review throughout the term and reinforce my knowledge.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Create a Turnitin.com account if you do not already have one. Log in, click on “Enroll in a class” and enter the numeric class ID and case-sensitive password which you should have copied onto your syllabus from the board on the first day of class.**

I have logged into Turnitin.com and enrolled in the correct class. I have my log-in information written down somewhere safe so that I can easily recover it. I know not to wait until the last minute to submit assignments using this platform, and instead will submit them early to take advantage of the excellent revision tools and tips this resource provides, including grammar and plagiarism checks.

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