

AP Calculus AB

Course Syllabus/Class Rules

2018-2019

- I. EXPECTATIONS.** As with any other AP course, AP Calculus AB is a *college level* course which requires a high degree of dedication on your part. To earn good grades, Fresno State suggests for every hour class meets, two hours of work outside class should be done. Fresno State calls this the 2-for-1 rule. Therefore, to be successful in AP Calculus AB, you *must* keep up with your daily work. This means making time to work on Calculus everyday for at least one uninterrupted hour. This goes for days if you are absent from class also.
- II. ATTENDANCE.** Due to the difficulty of Calculus, attendance is extremely important. Please make every effort to attend class. But, if you are sick and contagious, please stay home. But remember, missing class will make it tougher on you when trying to complete the homework. Calculus is conceptually difficult, the text is tough to read, and if you are absent, you will feel lost when you come back to class. If a field trip comes up, think twice about going if you will miss class. With that said, I follow the school rules with readmits, so be sure to have your parent/guardian call the attendance secretary when you are absent so it is cleared. Any absent not cleared is considered unexcused and I may or may not let you make up work. It depends on the situation. Taking the day off for a birthday and extended vacations are not valid excuses and are considered unexcused. Finally, please do not be absent on test days. If you are absent due to an absence, arrangements will have to be made with me for making the test up. I will not pass back tests until everyone in the class takes the test.
- III. HOMEWORK.** Homework is an important part of learning Calculus. The amount of time you put into your homework usually correlates to how you will perform on tests. I'll provide homework calendars every five weeks. Most homework will be completed online and will have absolute deadlines. You will have at least two days to finish each assignment, so be sure to manage your time accordingly. Printed assignments will be given deadlines the day they are assigned. If you get stuck doing homework (and you will), use my website www.BishSoft.org. There are PowerPoints and videos for every section in the text, and sometimes solutions to select problems and handouts. Each assignment is worth 9 points and will be 20% of your overall grade. Since the software gives immediate feedback, homework scores are assigned based on the percentage correct for each assignment.
- IV. TESTS AND QUIZZES.** Tests are given at the end of every chapter and are 100 points each and 80% of your overall grade. All tests must be completed in the allotted amount of time; just like the AP test. Some tests will require the use of a graphing calculator. Quizzes are given periodically and are also 80% of you grade.
- V. CALCULATORS.** A graphing calculator is required for AP Calculus AB. I recommend you purchase a TI-83 or TI-84, but there are other calculators that can be used on the AP test. I do have a limited amount of calculators to loan, but once you're in college you will have to buy one.
- VI. AP CALCULUS TEST.** You are encouraged take the AP Calculus AB test in May, as you may receive college units if you pass. Refer to the KHS policy on AP testing and fees.

VII. GRADING. Semester grades are calculated as follows:

Item	Weight
Assignments	20%
Tests/Quizzes	80%

Grade	Minimum Percent
A	90%
B	80%
C	70%
D	60%
F	<60%

VIII. CLASSROOM RULES. The biggest rule is to be on time and have all materials you need for class: homework, pencil, calculator, etc. No eating in class, and follow my instructions. Consequences are followed in the student handbook and include: first a warning, then detention, parent contact, and class referral.

IX. RESTROOM. If necessary, please use the restroom between classes; I go bell-to-bell with short transitions so generally there is not time to use the facilities. But, in urgent cases, if the need arises, ask my permission, sign out on the clipboard, and take the pass with you.

X. CELL PHONES. The use of cell phones during class time is not permitted. Talking, texting, and photo taking will not be tolerated. These types of activities are not favorable to a positive learning environment. Therefore, all cell phones must be properly stored as per School Board Policy. Emergency phone calls may be made/received in the front office on a case-by-case basis. Violators may have their cell phones taken away and turned into the front office. Finally, any phone out during a test constitutes a violation of the KHS Cheating Code.

My students have been informed about my Discipline Plan as well as other classroom policies. Please discuss these policies with your child, as it is important that we communicate our expectations. Also, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mr. Scott Bishop
Mathematics Instructor



Date: August 15, 2018

I have read your Classroom Discipline Plan and your Course Outline, and have discussed it with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone (Optional): _____

Student's Name (**Print Please**) _____ Period: _____

Comments _____

Please have your child return the above signatures to me for my records.