



MA 110-01-1: Pre-Calculus
School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics
[Chaminade University Honolulu](https://www.chaminade.edu/)
Fall 2023 / 3 Credits
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30 – 11:20 am
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Learning Materials

- **Desmos App:** A free graphing calculator app.
- **GroupMe App:** A way to stay up-to-date with all class announcements, assignments, and questions between you, your professor, and your classmates.
- **Google Drive/3-Ring Binder:** This should be comprised of self-created notes, provided guided notes, video lectures, and all other assignments.



Course Catalog Description

This course provides a foundation for further study in mathematics and prepares for Calculus I. Topics include functions and their graphs, polynomial and rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, trigonometric functions and their inverses, and some other selected topics.

Course Overview

This course is designed to produce better conceptual understanding of functions and mathematics in general that leads into understanding procedural understanding of formulas. A strong development of number relationships will also occur by the use of class discussions, sharing of ideas, and thought-provoking-take-home assessments.

Marianist Values

This class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles and you should take every opportunity possible to reflect upon the role of these characteristics in your education and development:

1. Education for formation in faith
2. Provide an integral, quality education
3. Educate in family spirit
4. Educate for service, justice and peace
5. Educate for adaptation and change

Native Hawaiian Values

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the 'Olelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua ('Olelo No'eau 364) May I live by God
2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na'auao) Lawe i ka ma'alea a k'u'ono'ono ('Olelo No'eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep
3. Educate in Family Spirit ('Ohana) 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana 'ohana ('Olelo No'eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no'eau ('Olelo No'eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom

Assessment

The assignments in this course are each designed to contribute in a different and significant way to your knowledge and experience relative to diagnosis and remediation of mathematics. Always be prepared to effectively participate to class discussions, analyze the thinking of others in class, and clearly explain your thinking in assignments. A scoring rubric is provided with every assessment to ensure you know what is required to receive the score desired. Feedback and grades on all assignments are provided within 7 days of submission.

1. Participation Assignments – 5% of Final Grade

Module 1: [1 point per assignment]

- There are two different assignments, both described on Canvas, which contribute to your overall participation in this course: a mathematical beliefs questionnaire and joining our class GroupMe with an initial post.

2. Building a Thinking Classroom – 30% of Final Grade

[CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

Every Class: [1 percent per day]

- Every day you attend class and contribute to our classroom thinking activities, you earn 1 percent towards your possible 30%. You must be in class before the thinking activity begins to earn the 1 percent.

3. Out-of-Class Assessments – 40% of Final Grade

[CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

Module 5: Chapters F, 1, 2, 3 Assessment [15 points]

Module 10: Chapters 4, 5, 6 Assessment [15 points]

- These assessments focus on content demonstrated in the classroom thinking activities and strategies used in your check for understanding problems. A full week is provided to complete out-of-class assessments and Desmos is always permitted. Collaboration with classmates is strictly prohibited on out-of-class assessments.

4. In-Class Assessments – 25% of Final Grade

[CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

Module 5: Chapters F, 1, 2, 3 Assessment [6 points]

Module 10: Chapters 4, 5, 6 Assessment [6 points]

- These assessments focus on content demonstrated in the classroom thinking activities and strategies used in your check for understanding problems. A full class period is provided to complete two different problems from the chapters being assessed.

Grading Scale	
90 – 100 %	A
80 – 89 %	B
70 – 79 %	C
60 – 69 %	D
0 – 59 %	F

- A** - Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative
- B** - Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner
- C** - Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter
- D** - Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, not satisfactory for fulfillment of prerequisite course work
- F** - Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter; no credit given

Technical Assistance for Canvas Users

- Search for help on specific topics or get tips in [Canvas Students](#)
- [Live chat with Canvas Support for students](#)
- Canvas Support Hotline for students: +1-833-209-6111
- Watch this [video to get you started](#)
- [Online tutorials](#): click on “Students” role to access tutorials
- Contact the Chaminade IT Helpdesk for technical issues: helpdesk@chaminade.edu or call (808) 735-4855

Tutoring and Writing Services

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to: biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check Kōkua 'Ike's [website](#) for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe. TutorMe can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click Account – Notifications – TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua 'Ike at tutoring@chaminade.edu or 808-739-8305.

Course & Chaminade University Policies

Late Work Policy

Always accepted, but feedback may be delayed.

Grades of "Incomplete"

This policy on incomplete grades aligns with the same University policies.

Writing Policy

For any writing assignments, please use APA format. Please refer to <https://apastyle.apa.org> for any specific style and grammar guidelines questions.

Instructor and Student Communication

Questions for this course can be emailed to the instructor at travis.mukina@chaminade.edu. Online and/or in-person meetings can be arranged. Response time will take place up to 24 hours.

Disability Access

If you need individual accommodations to meet course outcomes because of a documented disability, please speak with me to discuss your needs as soon as possible so that we can ensure your full participation in class and fair assessment of your work. Students with special needs who meet criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning by the end of week three of the class, in order for instructors to plan accordingly. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Kōkua 'Ike Coordinator at (808) 739-8305 for further information (ada@chaminade.edu).

Title IX Compliance

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

Attendance Policy

The following attendance policy is from the 2019-2020 Academic Catalog (p. 54-55). Faculty members should also check with their divisions for division-specific guidelines.

Students are expected to attend regularly all courses for which they are registered. Student should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. Notification may be done by emailing the instructor's Chaminade email address, calling the instructor's campus extension, or by leaving a message with the instructor's division office. It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may receive a failing grade.

Unexcused absences equivalent to more than a week of classes may lead to a grade reduction for the course. Any unexcused absence of two consecutive weeks or more may result in being withdrawn from the course by the instructor, although the instructor is not required to withdraw students in that scenario. Repeated absences put students at risk of failing grades.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu Tutor Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes.

Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review the options. Anyone who stops attending a course without official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor's discretion.

Student Conduct Policy

Campus life is a unique situation requiring the full cooperation of each individual. For many, Chaminade is not only a school, but a home and a place of work as well. That makes it a community environment in which the actions of one students may directly affect other students. Therefore, each person must exercise a high degree of responsibility. Any community must have standards of conduct and rules by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook, and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website under Student Life.

For further information, [please refer to the Chaminade Catalog](#).

Credit Hour Policy

The unit of semester credit is defined as university-level credit that is awarded for the completion of coursework. One credit hour reflects the amount of work represented in the intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement for those learning outcomes. Each credit hour earned at Chaminade University should result in 45 hours of engagement.

The minimum 45 hours of engagement per credit hour can be satisfied in fully online, internship, or other specialized courses through several means, including (a) regular online instruction or interaction with the faculty member and fellow students and (b) academic engagement through extensive reading, research, online discussion, online quizzes or exams; instruction, collaborative group work, internships, laboratory work, practica, studio work, and preparation of papers, presentations, or other forms of assessment. This policy is in accordance with federal regulations and regional accrediting agencies.

How This Course Meets the Credit Hour Policy

The paragraph below outlines how students will meet the required hours of engagement in the course through regular instruction and academic engagement. There are three components to the amount of time students will spend in a course:

1. Seat time (this is the amount of time students are physically in the classroom)
2. [Time spent on key assessments](#), including study time (e.g., projects, essays, assessments)
3. Additional time each week (e.g., reading, studying, check for understanding)

This is a three-credit hour course requiring 135 clock hours of student engagement, per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy. Students enrolled in this course are anticipated to spend 37.5 hours in class and 20 hours completing out-of-class assessments. There will be an additional 77.5 hours of work required beyond what is listed here (video lectures, guided notes, check for understanding), averaging 5.2 hours each week.

To calculate the amount of time students will spend on readings and assignments, we are drawing on research reviewed by the [Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice University](#). The information and formulas for calculating hours are linked in the examples below as "time spent on key assessments". Even though students will work at different speeds, these numbers provide a good estimation for credit hour policies.

Per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy, each credit hour should equal 45 clock hours of student engagement. Therefore, a traditional three credit hour undergraduate course would require 135 hours of engagement. Below is how the 135 hours are calculated in more detail:

- *Seat Time:*
 - 50 minutes MWF = 150 minutes weekly x 15 weeks = 2,250 minutes or 37.5 hours
- *Time Spent on Key Assessments:*
 - Out-of-Class Assessments = 20 hours researching & completing
- *Sub-Total* = 57.5 hours (seat time + key assessments)
- Total required engagement 135 hours – 57.5 hours = 77.5 hours remaining
- 77.5 hours divided by 15 weeks = 5.2 additional hours each week (video lectures, guided notes, check for understanding)

Course Schedule

Module # Dates	Module Content	Assignments
Module 1 Aug 21 st – 27 th	Chapter F: A Prelude to Functions Section F.1: The Distance and Midpoint Formulas Section F.2: Graphs of Equations in Two Variables; Intercepts; Symmetry Section F.3: Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mathematical Beliefs Questionnaire ○ GroupMe Registration ○ ✓ for Understanding (Chap. F)
Module 2 Aug 28 th – Sept 10 th	Chapter 1: Functions and Their Graphs Section 1.1: Functions Section 1.2: The Graph of a Function Section 1.3: Properties of Functions Section 1.4: Library of Functions; Piecewise-defined Functions Section 1.5: Graphing Techniques – Transformations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ✓ for Understanding (Chap. 1)
Module 3 Sept 11 th – 24 th	Chapter 2: Linear and Quadratic Functions Section 2.1: Properties of Linear Functions and Linear Models Section 2.3: Quadratic Functions and Their Zeros Section 2.4: Properties of Quadratic Functions Section 2.7: Complex Zeros of a Quadratic Function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ✓ for Understanding (Chap. 2)
Module 4 Sept 25 th – Oct 8 th	Chapter 3: Polynomial and Rational Functions Section 3.1: Polynomial Functions and Models Section 3.2: The Real Zeros of a Polynomial Function Section 3.4: Properties of Rational Functions Section 3.5: The Graph of a Rational Function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ✓ for Understanding (Chap. 3)
Module 5 Oct 9 th – 15 th	Chapter F, 1, 2, 3 Assessment Week In-Class Assessment: October 11 th Out-of-Class Assessment: October 9 th – 15 th	
Module 6 Oct 16 th – 22 nd	Chapter 4: Exponential Functions Section 4.1: Composite Functions Section 4.2: One-to-One Functions; Inverse Functions Section 4.3: Exponential Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ✓ for Understanding (Chap. 4)
Module 7 Oct 23 rd – Nov 5 th	Chapter 4: Logarithmic Functions Section 4.4: Logarithmic Functions Section 4.5: Properties of Logarithms Section 4.6: Logarithmic and Exponential Equations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ✓ for Understanding (Chap. 4)
Module 8 Nov 6 th – 20 th	Chapter 5: Trigonometric Functions Section 5.1: Angles and Their Measure Section 5.2: Right Triangle Trigonometry Section 5.3: Computing the Values of Trigonometric Functions of Acute Angles Section 5.4: Trigonometric Functions of Any Angle Section 5.5: Unit Circle Approach; Properties of the Trigonometric Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ✓ for Understanding (Chap. 5)
Module 9 Nov 20 th – 26 th	Chapter 6: Analytic Trigonometry Section 6.1: The Inverse Sine, Cosine, and Tangent Functions Section 6.3: Trigonometric Equations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ✓ for Understanding (Chap. 6)
Module 10 Nov 27 th – Dec 3 ^d	Chapter 4, 5, 6 Assessment Week In-Class Assessment: November 27 th Out-of-Class Assessment: October 9 th – 15 th	