

Syllabus

Math1A – MP1: CALCULUS I

WINTER 2026 - DE ANZA COLLEGE

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- Office Hours: Mon Tues Wed Thurs 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM over Zoom:
- Zoom Meeting ID: 821 3264 0836
- Class Location and Time: Mon Tues Wed Thurs 11:30 AM – 01:20 PM in L65
- Questions: Please email me and identify yourself and the course you are enrolled in. I will respond to your email within 1-2 business days. Otherwise, please resend it.
- Textbook: Calculus-Early Transcendental, 9th edition, by James Stewart. (*e-text or pdf copy is okay.*)
- Course Description: Fundamentals of differential calculus.
- Course SLO:
 - Analyze and synthesize the concepts of limits, continuity, and differentiation from a graphical, numerical, analytical, and verbal approach, using correct notation and mathematical precision.
 - Evaluate the behavior of graphs in the context of limits, continuity, and differentiability.
 - Recognize and decide on the appropriate method for solving applied real-world problems in related rates, optimization, and approximation.
- Required Materials: The textbook, calculator, and notebook.
- Course Pre-requisites and corequisite:
 - Mathematics 32 or Mathematics 32H or Mathematics 43 or Mathematics 43H (*with a grade of C or better*); or appropriate score on Calculus Placement Test within the past calendar year.
 - Advisory: English Writing 211 and Reading 211 (or Language Arts 211), or English as a Second Language 272 and 273.
- Method of Instruction: In class lectures.

- Attendance: This class is an in-person class. Students are expected to attend all classes on time. Students who are absent more than four times may be dropped out of class. However, it is the students' responsibility to drop by the appropriate deadline. Petitions to drop after the deadline will not be considered by the instructor.
- Homework (*100 points*):
 - Homework is the key to success in this class. **NO LATE** submissions.
 - Plan to spend at least **TWO HOURS** on homework for each lesson.
 - There is a direct correlation between your confidence with the homework problems and your success in this class.
 - Starting in Week 2, homework is due every Thursday at **1:20 PM** (*in person*) or Friday by **11:59PM** (*if submitted online through Canvas*).
 - Each homework assignment is worth **4 points**.
- Quizzes (*75 points*):
 - Quizzes may be given in class or as take-home assignments.
 - You are **only allowed to use calculators** on the quiz day.
 - There are **no makeup quizzes**. A missed quiz, for any reason (including arriving late or leaving early), will receive a score of **zero**.
 - Your final quiz grade will be based on your five highest quiz scores. **The lowest quiz score will be dropped**.
- Midterms (*225 points*):
 - There will be **three midterm examinations** on the scheduled exam days (see the course schedule).
 - There are **no makeup exams**. If you miss a midterm due to what I am determined to be an emergency and you provide appropriate documentation, that exam grade will be replaced with your **final exam percentage**. If the absence is not considered an emergency, you will receive a **zero** for that exam.
 - Each midterm is worth **75 points**. On exam days, you are permitted to use **calculators** and **one single-sided page of notes** (*front side only*).
- Final Exam (*100 points*):

- o One comprehensive examination will be given from **11:30 PM – 1:30 PM on Monday, March 23rd**.
- o **Any students who miss the final exam will receive an F grade for the course.**
- o You are allowed to use **calculators** and **one page of notes** (*front and back side*).
- **Withdrawal Policy:**
 - o The last day to drop without a W is **January 18th**.
 - o The last day to drop with a W is **February 27th**.
- **Academic Honestly and Discipline Policy:** Students are expected to abide by the college’s Code of Conduct. All work submitted must be the student’s own.
 - o **Tests and Quizzes:** Students who give or receive unauthorized help will forfeit all points for that assignment and may receive a grade of **“F”** in the course.
 - o **Take-Home Assignments:** Any student submitting work that is the same as or substantially like another student’s work will be required to **schedule a conference** with me. Evidence of academic dishonesty will result in **zero points** for the assignment and will be reported for further action according to college policy.
- **Evaluation Process:**

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| Homework | 100 points |
| Quizzes | 75 points |
| Exam | 225 points |
| Final Exam | 100 points |
| Total | 500 points |

- **Grading Scale:**

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| [460,500] | “A” |
| [450,459] | “A-” |
| [440,449] | “B+” |
| [410,439] | “B” |
| [400,409] | “B-” |
| [390,399] | “C+” |
| [350,389] | “C” |
| [300,349] | “D” |
| Below 299 | “F” |

- **Disabled Services:** Students who have been found to be eligible for accommodation by Disability Support Services (DSS), please follow up to ensure that your accommodation

has been authorized for the current quarter. If you are not registered with DSS and need accommodations, please go to <https://www.deanza.edu/dsps/dss/>

- Tips for Success:
 - **“DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.”**
 - If you have any questions, email me! You are welcome to send an email whenever you need help!
 - Visit the Online Tutoring Center.
 - Get to know your classmates and study together.
 - Copy the notes from all lectures, participate in class, and practice doing your homework.
 - Read the sections to be discussed in class prior to the lecture.
 - Again, seek help if you are feeling behind the class.

| Date | Section |
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| Week 1: 01/05/2026-01/09/2026 | Syllabus + Sec 2.1 + Sec 2.2 + Sec 2.3 |
| Week 2: 01/12/2026 - 01/16/2026 | Sec 2.5 + Sec 2.6 + Sec 2.7 + Quiz 1 |
| Week 3: 01/19/2026 - 01/23/2026 | No Class on Monday 01/19. Sect 2.8 + Sect 3.1 + Quiz 2 |
| Week 4: 01/26/2026 - 01/30/2026 | Sec 3.2 + Sec 3.3 + Test 1 |
| Week 5: 02/02/2026 - 02/06/2026 | Section 3.4 + Section 3.5 + Section 3.6 + Quiz 3 |
| Week 6: 02/09/2026 - 02/13/2026 | Section 3.9 + Section 3.10 + Quiz 4 |
| Week 7: 02/16/2026 - 02/20/2026 | No Class on Monday 02/16 + Section 4.1 + Section 4.2 |
| Week 8: 02/23/2026 - 02/27/2026 | Section 4.3 + Section 4.4 + Test 2 |
| Week 9: 03/02/2025 - 03/06/2026 | Section 4.5 + Section 4.7 + Section 4.8 + Quiz 5 |
| Week 10: 03/09/2026 -03/13/2026 | Section 4.9 + Section 10.1 + Test 3 |
| Week 11: 03/16/2026 - 03/20/2026 | Section 10.2 + Quiz 6 |
| Week 12: Final Week 03/23/2026-03/27/2026 | Final Exam will be on Monday March 23rd, 2026, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm |

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Zoom,Email,By Appointment M,T,W,TH 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM