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### Course Outline for MATH 34

#### CALC FOR BUS AND SOC SCIENCES

Effective: Spring 2016

#### I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

MATH 34 — CALC FOR BUS AND SOC SCIENCES — 5.00 units

Functions and their graphs; limits of functions; differential and integral calculus of algebraic, exponential and logarithmic functions. Applications in business, economics, and social sciences and use of graphing calculators. Partial derivatives and the method of LaGrange multipliers.

5.00 Units Lecture

#### Prerequisite

MATH 55 - Intermediate Algebra for STEM  
with a minimum grade of C  
or

MATH 55B - Intermediate Algebra for STEM B  
with a minimum grade of C  
or

#### Grading Methods:

Letter Grade

#### Discipline:

	<b>MIN</b>
<b>Lecture Hours:</b>	90.00
<b>No Unit Value Lab</b>	18.00
<b>Total Hours:</b>	108.00

#### II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1

#### III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

**Before entering the course a student should be able to:**

- A. MATH55
- B. MATH55B

#### IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

**Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- A. Solve problems using limits;
- B. Use a graphing calculator to graph functions;
- C. Determine the domain and range of a function;
- D. Find the first and second derivatives of algebraic, logarithmic and exponential functions;
- E. Apply the concepts of continuity, limits and the derivative to graphs;
- F. Find the derivatives of functions involving constants, sums, differences, products, quotients, and the chain rule;
- G. Use the chain rule to find first derivatives of composite functions;
- H. Find and interpret equations of tangents to functions;
- I. Apply the concept of the derivative to solve applied optimization and related rate problems in such areas as marginal analysis, consumer behavior and the spread of disease;
- J. Find and interpret the anti-derivatives and definite integrals of algebraic and exponential functions;
- K. Find definite and indefinite integrals by using the general integral formulas, integration by substitution, and other integration techniques
- L. Apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to solve problems involving area and accumulations of sums;
- M. Solve basic differential equations and interpret the result;
- N. Find partial derivatives of functions of several variables;
- O. Use the method of LaGrange multipliers to solve optimization problems involving functions of two variables;
- P. Apply the tools of calculus to solve applications in business, economics and the social sciences.
- Q. Use calculus to analyze revenue, cost, and profit

#### V. CONTENT:

- A. Functions
  - 1. Functional notation
  - 2. Algebraic, exponential, logarithmic functions
    - a. Solving equations
    - b. Applications
    - c. Exponential growth and decay
    - d. Logistic growth
  - 3. Graphs of functions
    - a. Using a table of values, basic functional graphs, and translation
    - b. Using a graphing calculator, generate a table of values and draw a graph, selecting appropriate intervals for the x and y values and scale.
  - 4. Interpretation of functions numerically and graphically
- B. Limits, continuity and derivatives
  - 1. Definitions
  - 2. Numerical and graphical interpretation of the limit
    - a. Generate a table of values to determine the limit
    - b. Given a graph, determine the limit
    - c. Graph the function using a calculator and determine the limit
  - 3. Graphical interpretation of continuity
    - a. Given a graph, determine continuity at a point
  - 4. Finding limits using limit rules
  - 5. Determining continuity of a function from the definition
  - 6. Finding derivatives using the definition of the derivative
  - 7. Rules of differentiation including the chain rule
  - 8. Derivatives of natural logs and exponential functions
  - 9. Higher derivatives
  - 10. Implicit differentiation
- C. Applications of derivatives
  - 1. Equation of a tangent line; interpretation of the tangent line
  - 2. Rate of change
  - 3. Maximum-minimum problems
  - 4. Curve sketching
    - a. Sketch curves by hand, using the first and second derivative tests
    - b. analyze and interpret graphs by locating relative extrema, discussing intervals where the function is increasing or decreasing, discussing concavity and determining points of inflection
    - c. Sketch curves using a graphing calculator and discuss relative extrema, intervals where the function is increasing or decreasing, concavity and points of inflection
    - d. Given a graph of an applied function, use calculus-based analysis to interpret the behavior of the function
  - 5. Related rates
  - 6. Marginal analysis
- D. Integration
  - 1. Techniques of Integration
    - a. Antidifferentiation
    - b. Method of substitution
  - 2. Area under a curve and the definite integral
    - a. Approximating the definite integral as a sum
  - 3. Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
  - 4. Applications of integration in business and economics
  - 5. Numerical integration with a graphing calculator
  - 6. Differential equations
    - a. Initial value problems
    - b. Interpretation of result
- E. Multivariable functions
  - 1. Functions of several variables and their application
  - 2. Derivatives of multivariable functions
  - 3. Maximum-minimum problems and the method of LaGrange multipliers

## VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Lab** - assignments
- B. Classroom discussion
- C. **Lecture** -
- D. Computer and graphing calculator demonstrations
- E. Collaborative learning where applicable

## VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- A. Perform specific differentiation techniques
- B. Apply differentiation and integration to business and social science problems
- C. Analyze a function using limits
- D. Discuss the results of application problems
- E. Find and interpret marginal cost, marginal revenue and marginal profit
- F. Sketch the graphs of cost, revenue and profit functions and determine break-even points

## VIII. EVALUATION:

### A. **Methods**

- 1. Exams/Tests
- 2. Quizzes
- 3. Group Projects
- 4. Home Work
- 5. Lab Activities
- 6. Other:  
Graphing calculator assignments

### B. **Frequency**

- 1. Minimum of 4 exams plus a final examination
- 2. Daily homework from each section covered in class
- 3. Quizzes and other assignments at the discretion of the instructor.
- 4. Minimum of 8 graphing calculator/lab assignments

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. Bittinger, Marvin, David Ellenbogen, and Scott Sargent. *Calculus and Its Applications*. 10th ed., Pearson/Addison Wesley, 2012.
2. Tan, Soo T *Applied Calculus for the Managerial, Life, and Social Sciences*. 10th ed., Thomson – Brooks/Cole, 2011.
3. Goldstein, Larry, David Lay, David Schneider, and Nakhle Asmar. *Calculus and Its Applications*. 13th ed., Pearson, 2014.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS:

- A. A graphing calculator is required.