

## Syllabus for Calculus I

Fall 2024, Howard University

Course & Section #: Math 156 - 02 (Honors)  
Class time: Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 2:10-3:00pm  
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Course content: We will study differentiation of algebraic and transcendental functions, applications of the derivative, differentials, indefinite integrals, and definite integrals. The goal here is developing the student's geometric insight into the concepts of differentiation and integration, and applying these concepts to problem solving and "real world applications."

Prerequisites: Math 007 or outstanding score on Mathematics Placement Examination  
Textbook: *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, 9th Edition, by J. Stewart et al.

Grading: 35% Quizzes • Each of three Midterms 15% • Final 20%

In-class **quizzes** will happen every Tuesday, except for weeks when midterms take place. There will be 11 total quizzes and your lowest 2 scores will be dropped (so 9 of the 11 quizzes will count). Additional problems for practice may be assigned but not collected.

There will be three in-class **midterms** in the semester. They will take place on Tuesdays and be announced 1-2 weeks in advance. The **final** will happen after the end of classes, during finals week.

You will not receive full credit if you only write only the answers. Please always explain your work and present solutions step by step. Collaboration on graded assignments is not permitted. The use of calculators, outside notes, or other tools from the Internet, is not permitted. Don't use your phone during class, especially not during tests. **Our course is in-person: assessments MUST BE TAKEN IN-PERSON.**

Grades will be posted to the Canvas site. I may consider other factors, like class participation, when determining final letter grades, especially in borderline cases.

Detailed outline: We will cover material from Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the textbook. The topics we will discuss include:

## Chapter 1: Functions and Models

- 1.1 Four Ways to Represent a Function
- 1.2 Mathematical Models: A Catalog of Essential Functions
- 1.3 New Functions from Old Functions
- 1.4 Exponential Functions
- 1.5 Inverse Functions and Logarithms

## Chapter 2: Limits and Derivatives

- 2.1 The Tangent and Velocity Problems
- 2.2 The Limit of a Function
- 2.3 Calculating Limits Using Limit Laws
- 2.4 The Precise Definition of a Limit
- 2.5 Continuity
- 2.6 Limits at Infinity; Horizontal Asymptotes
- 2.7 Derivatives and Rates of Change
- 2.8 The Derivative as a Function

## Chapter 3: Differentiation Rules

- 3.1 Derivatives of Polynomial and Exponential Functions
- 3.2 The Product and Quotient Rules
- 3.3 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions
- 3.4 Chain Rule
- 3.5 Implicit Differentiation
- 3.6 Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions
- 3.7 Rates of Change in the Natural and Social Sciences
- 3.8 Exponential Growth and Decay
- 3.9 Related Rates
- 3.10 Linear Approximations and Differentials

## Chapter 4: Application of Differentiation

- 4.1 Maximum and Minimum Values
- 4.2 The Mean Value Theorem
- 4.3 What Derivatives Tell Us about the Shape of a Graph
- 4.4 Indeterminate Forms and l'Hospital's Rule
- 4.5 Summary of Curve Sketching
- 4.7 Optimization Problems
- 4.9 Antiderivatives

## Chapter 5: Integrals

- 5.1 The Area and Distance Problems
- 5.2 The Definite Integral
- 5.3 The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
- 5.4 Indefinite Integrals and the Net Change Theorem
- 5.5 The Substitution Rule

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