



# NORTHGATE ACADEMY

## Pre-Calculus - Course Syllabus

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### Description:

Exploring the relationship between advanced algebra topics and trigonometry, Pre-Calculus is an informative introduction to calculus that challenges students to discover and comprehend the nature of graphs, nonlinear systems, and polynomial and rational functions. Encouraging logarithmic knowledge and application, this course covers many interesting and advanced subject areas in a thoughtful and supportive format, providing students a deeper understanding of topics, including limits, continuity, derivatives, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

**Textbook:** Pre-Calculus ISBN-13: 978-1-938168-34-5

### Course objectives:

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Extend on previous coursework with functions with a more in-depth analysis of polynomial and transcendental functions.
- Use matrices and vectors to solve mathematical and real-world problems.
- Use parametric equations to describe functions and model real-world concepts.
- Analyze conic sections and their rotations in Cartesian and polar coordinate systems.
- Perform statistical analysis using normal distribution approximations.
- Understand the concepts of a limit, a derivative, and an integral and how they are related via the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

### Contents:

#### Semester A

Chapter 1: Functions and Their Graphs  
Chapter 2: Polynomial and Rational Functions  
Chapter 3: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions  
Chapter 4: Trigonometric Functions  
Chapter 5: Analytic Trigonometry  
Chapter 6: Additional Topics in Trigonometry

#### Semester B

Chapter 7: Linear Systems and Matrices  
Chapter 8: Sequences, Series, Probability  
Chapter 9: Topics in Analytic Geometry  
Chapter 10: Analytic Geometry in 3D  
Chapter 11: Limits and an Intro to Calculus

### Grading Scale

A = 90-100%  
B = 80-89%  
C = 70-79%  
D = 60-69%  
F = under 59%

### Grade Weighting

Chapter Quizzes..... 70%  
Cumulative Exam ..... 30%  
100%