

THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

## MATH 108: University Mathematics I B

### *Fall 2025 Course Syllabus*

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### COURSE INFORMATION

**Course Description:** Intended for students whose major requires **MATH 111**. Linear functions, equations, inequalities, systems of linear equations, quadratic equations, polynomials, rational expressions, expressions involving radicals, partial fraction decomposition, conic sections, graphing functions.

**Number of Credits:** 4

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Course-Section and Instructors:**

| Course-Section | Instructor             |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Math 108-001   | Professor P. Rodriguez |
| Math 108-003   | Professor P. Rodriguez |
| Math 108-005   | Professor J. Jean      |
| Math 108-007   | Professor J. Jean      |
| Math 108-011   | Professor P. Correia   |
| Math 108-013   | Professor E. Ikheloa   |

**Office Hours for All Math Instructors:** [Office Hours and Emails](#)

**Required Textbook:**

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|------------------|---|
| <b>Title</b>     | <i>Precalculus - A Right Triangle Approach</i>                      |
| <b>Author</b>    | Ratti and McWaters  |
| <b>Edition</b>   | 5th   |
| <b>Publisher</b> | Pearson   |
| <b>ISBN #</b>    | Print:9780137519354<br>MyLab Math with Pearson eText: 9780137519255 |
| <b>Notes</b>     | w/ MyMathLab  |

**University-wide Withdrawal Date:** The last day to withdraw with a W is **Monday, November 10, 2025**. It will be strictly enforced.

## **COURSE GOALS**

**Course Objectives:** Students should (a) learn algebra and its applications to science and engineering (b) learn about slope and its relationship to average rates of change, (c) understand how to recognize functions, operations on functions and graph of functions, (d) understand many practical applications of systems of equations.

### **Course Outcomes**

- Students have improved logical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Students have a greater understanding of the importance of algebra in science and technology.
- Students are prepared for further study in mathematics as well as science, engineering, and other areas.

**Course Assessment:** The assessment of objectives is achieved through homework, quizzes, and common examinations with common grading.

## **POLICIES**

**DMS Course Policies:** All DMS students must familiarize themselves with, and adhere to, the **Department of Mathematical Sciences Course Policies**, in addition to official **university-wide policies**. DMS takes these policies very seriously and enforces them strictly.

**Grading Policy:** The final grade in this course will be determined as follows:

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| <b>Homework</b>    | 10% |
| <b>Quizzes</b>     | 15% |
| <b>Common Exam</b> | 15% |
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| Final Exam | 30% |
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Your final letter grade will be based on the following tentative curve.

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| A  | 90 - 100 | C | 70 - 74 |
| B+ | 85 - 89  | D | 60 - 69 |
| B  | 80 - 84  | F | 0 - 59  |
| C+ | 75 - 79  |   |         |

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance at all classes will be recorded and is **mandatory**. Please make sure you read and fully understand the [Math Department's Attendance Policy](#). This policy will be strictly enforced. Students are expected to attend class. Each class is a learning experience that cannot be replicated through simply "getting the notes."

**Religious Observance:** NJIT is committed to supporting students observing religious holidays. Students must notify their instructors in writing of any conflicts between course requirements and religious observances, ideally by the end of the second week of classes and no later than two weeks before the anticipated absence.

**Homework:** Homework is an expectation of the course. Online homework is assigned through the portal, My Math Lab. All students are expected to obtain a subscription to My Math Lab for successful completion of the class.

**Recitation Problems:** Recitation problems for the session are listed, by section. These problems are to be done during weekly recitations. Recitation assignments will be graded for accuracy.

#### How to Get Started with MyMathLab

[http://m.njit.edu/Undergraduate/UG-Files/MML\\_Getting\\_Started.pdf](http://m.njit.edu/Undergraduate/UG-Files/MML_Getting_Started.pdf) [http://m.njit.edu/Undergraduate/UG-Files/Technology\\_Tips.pdf](http://m.njit.edu/Undergraduate/UG-Files/Technology_Tips.pdf)

**Quiz Policy:** Quizzes will be given at the professor's discretion approximately once a week during class time or recitation throughout the semester. They will be based on the lecture, homework and the in-class discussions. There will be 8-12 assessments given throughout the semester.

**Exams:** There will be two exams and a final. Each exam will test the material taught since the beginning of the semester:

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| Common Exam I     | October 1, 2025                 |
| Common Exam II    | October 29, 2025                |
| Common Exam III   | December 3, 2025                |
| Final Exam Period | December 14 - December 20, 2025 |

The final exam will test your knowledge of all the course material taught in the entire course. Make sure you read and fully understand the [Math Department's Examination Policy](#). This policy will be strictly enforced.

**Makeup Exam Policy:** There will be **NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES OR EXAMS** during the semester. In the event an exam

is not taken under rare circumstances where the student has a legitimate reason for missing the exam, the student should contact the Dean of Students office and present written verifiable proof of the reason for missing the exam, e.g., a doctor's note, police report, court notice, etc. clearly stating the date AND time of the mitigating problem. The student must also notify the Math Department Office/Instructor that the exam will be missed.

**Cellular Phones:** All cellular phones and other electronic devices must be switched off during all class times.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Math Tutoring Center:** Located in the Central King Building, Lower Level, Rm. G11 (See: [Fall 2025 Hours](#))

**Further Assistance:** For further questions, students should contact their instructor. All instructors have regular office hours during the week. These office hours are listed on the Math Department's webpage for [Instructor Office Hours and Emails](#).

**Accommodation of Disabilities:** The Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) offers long term and temporary accommodations for undergraduate, graduate and visiting students at NJIT.

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For further information regarding self identification, the submission of medical documentation and additional support services provided please visit the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) website at:

<https://www.njit.edu/accessibility/>

**Important Dates** (See: [Fall 2025 Academic Calendar, Registrar](#))

| Date                                | Day                 | Event                        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| September 1, 2025                   | Monday              | Labor Day                    |
| September 2, 2025                   | Tuesday             | First Day of Classes         |
| September 8, 2025                   | Monday              | Last Day to Add/Drop Classes |
| October 2, 2025                     | Thursday            | Wellness Day                 |
| November 10, 2025                   | Monday              | Last Day to Withdraw         |
| November 25, 2025                   | Tuesday             | Thursday Classes Meet        |
| November 26, 2025                   | Wednesday           | Friday Classes Meet          |
| November 27 to<br>November 30, 2025 | Thursday and Sunday | Thanksgiving Recess - Closed |

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| December 11, 2025                   | Thursday           | Last Day of Classes   |
| December 12, 2025                   | Friday             | Reading Day           |
| December 13, 2025                   | Saturday           | Saturday Classes Meet |
| December 14 to<br>December 20, 2025 | Sunday to Saturday | Final Exam Period     |

## Course Outline

| Lect. | Sect.<br># | Topic   | Online Assignments<br>(eoo = every other odd)  | Recitation<br>Problems     |
|-------|------------|---|--|----------------------------|
| 1     | P1         | Real Numbers and their Properties                 | <i>P1: ex. 81, 83, 89, 91, 101, 103, 105, 107, 129, 135, 141, 143, 151, 155</i>              | 92, 102, 138, 146, 156*    |
| 2     | P2         | Integer Exponents, and Scientific Notation        | <i>P2: ex. 29, 37, 45, 65, 69, 73, 81, 85, 89, 93, 105-111 odd</i>                           | 40, 46, 76*, 92            |
| 3     | 1.1        | Linear equations in one variable                  | <i>1.1: ex. 9, 15, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 63, 65, 67</i>  | 38, 40*, 54, 64            |
| 4     | 8.1        | Systems of Equations                              | <i>8.1: ex. 45, 47, 55, 57, 69, 79, 93, 101-109 odd</i>                                      | 48, 58, 80, 104, 106*, 110 |
| 5     | 1.2        | Applications of Linear Equations                  | <i>1.2: ex. 23, 31, 37, 39, 41, 45, 49, 53, 57, 59, 63</i>                                   | 24, 44*, 60                |
| 6     | P6         | Rational Exponents and Radicals                   | <i>P6: ex. 25, 33, 37, 41, 47, 51, 53, 59, 63, 69, 73, 89, 93, 95, 99, 103, 107, 111</i>     | 32, 38, 46*, 56            |
| 7     | P6         | Rational Exponents and Radicals                   | <i>P6: ex. 25, 33, 37, 41, 47, 51, 53, 59, 63, 69, 73, 89, 93, 95, 99, 103, 107, 111</i>     | 60*, 70*, 92, 104          |
| 8     | P3         | Polynomials                                       | <i>P3: ex. 17, 19, 21, 23, 31, 35, 39, 53, 71, 95</i>  | 20*, 28, 54                |
| 9     | P4         | Factoring Polynomials                             | <i>P4: ex. 11, 19, 29, 33, 37-45 odd, 49, 51, 59, 67-81 odd, 95-111 eoo= every other odd</i> | 12, 34, 40*, 50*, 52       |
| 10    | P4         | Factoring Polynomials (continue)                  | <i>P4: ex. 11, 19, 29, 33, 37-45 odd, 49, 51, 59, 67-81 odd, 95-111 eoo</i>                  | 60, 70*, 82, 102, 112      |
| 11    | 1.3        | Quadratic Equations (Factoring/Quadratic Formula) | <i>1.3: ex. 19-33 odd, 45-55 odd, 61-85 eoo, 99, 101, 105</i>                                | 24, 34, 48*, 56*           |
| 12    |            | REVIEW  |  |                            |
|       |            | <b>EXAM #1</b>                                    | Material covered in Lectures 1-10  |                            |
| 13    | 1.3        | Quadratic Equations (Completing the square)       | <i>1.3: ex. 19-33 odd, 45-55 odd, 61-85 eoo, 99, 101, 105</i>                                | 62, 64*, 100, 102          |
| 14    | 1.4        | Complex Numbers                                   | <i>1.4: ex 9, 11-23 eoo, 31, 35, 37, 39-51 eoo, 53, 55, 57</i>                               | 22, 32, 46*, 56            |
| 15    | P5         | Rational Expressions                              | <i>P5: ex. 21, 31, 33, 37, 39, 49, 55, 59, 71, 73, 79, 87, 89, 91</i>                        | 22, 32, 40*, 48, 56        |
| 16    | P5         | Rational Expressions                              | <i>P5: ex. 21, 31, 33, 37, 39, 49, 55, 59, 71, 73, 79,</i>                                   | 60, 72, 80, 92*            |

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|    |     |   | 87, 89, 91   |                     |
| 17 | 1.5 | Solving other types of equations            | 1.5: ex. 19, 21, 25, 31-55 eoo, 63-79 eoo  | 20, 26, 30, 34*     |
| 18 | 1.5 | Solving other types of equations            | 1.5: ex. 19, 21, 25, 31-55 eoo, 63-79 eoo  | 50*, 52, 72, 74     |
| 19 | 1.6 | Inequalities                                | 1.6: ex. 25, 33, 37, 51, 53, 57, 61, 63, 65, 69, 73, 77, 89, 93, 97, 101, 105, 109     | 34, 52, 60*, 78     |
| 20 | 1.6 | Inequalities                                | 1.6: ex. 25, 33, 37, 51, 53, 57, 61, 63, 65, 69, 73, 77, 89, 93, 97, 101, 105, 109     | 90*, 96, 106        |
| 21 | 1.7 | Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities   | 1.7: ex: 19, 23, 27, 31, 37-61 eoo   | 16, 28, 38, 50*, 56 |
| 22 |     | REVIEW                                      |  |                     |
|    |     | <b>EXAM #2</b>                              | Material covered in Lectures 11-21   |                     |
| 23 | 2.1 | The Coordinate Plane                        | 2.1: ex. 15, 17, 19, 35, 37, 41-47 odd   | 16, 18*, 44         |
| 24 | 2.2 | Graphs                                      | 2.2: ex. 23, 27, 35, 41, 43, 45, 53, 57, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 81, 83, 89, 91            | 28, 58, 90*         |
| 25 | 2.3 | Lines                                       | 2.3: ex. 11-14, 29, 33, 35, 37, 41, 42, 51-54, 83, 85, 87, 101, 103                    | 52, 86, 102, 103*   |
| 26 | 2.4 | Functions                                   | 2.4: ex. 9, 12-20, 31-32, 41-53 odd, 65, 69, 79-84                                     | 26, 42, 44*         |
| 27 | 2.5 | Properties of Functions                     | 2.5: ex. 35, 37, 39, 49-51, 53, 57, 61, 67, 71, 77, 81, 109, 111                       | 36, 62, 76*         |
| 28 | 2.6 | Library of Functions                        | 2.6: ex. 11, 21, 23, 25, 31, 35, 43, 45 and<br>A Library of Basic Functions p. 252     | 24, 28*, 36         |
| 29 | 2.7 | Transformations of Functions                | 2.7: ex. 11-17 odd, 18, 37-61 eoo, 65, 67, 71, 75, 79, 87, 89, 91 97, 98, 99, 103, 105 | 64, 70, 93*         |
| 30 | 2.7 | Transformations of Functions                | 2.7: ex. 11-17 odd, 18, 37-61 eoo, 65, 67, 71, 75, 79, 87, 89, 91 97, 98, 99, 103, 105 | 115                 |
| 31 | 2.8 | Combining Functions;<br>Composite Functions | 2.8: ex. 9-19 odd, 23, 25, 29, 39, 45, 49, 55, 59, 61, 67, 69, 73, 77                  | 28*, 50, 76         |
| 32 | 2.9 | Inverse Functions                           | 2.9: ex. 9, 11, 25, 27, 29, 33, 55, 57, 59 67, 69, 79                                  | 26, 34, 60*         |
| 33 | 3.1 | Quadratic Functions                         | 3.1: ex. 11, 15, 27, 33, 39, 43, 45, 49, 61, 65, 67, 79, 81                            | 42, 50*, 70         |
| 34 | 3.2 | Polynomial Functions                        | 3.2: ex. 9, 29, 33, 35, 37, 39, 45, 47, 65, 67, 71, 87                                 | 48, 64, 70*         |
| 35 | 3.3 | Dividing Polynomials                        | 3.3: ex. 9-15 odd, 19, 21, 29, 35, 39, 41, 49, 51                                      | 12, 32, 50*         |
| 36 | 3.6 | Rational Functions                          | 3.6: ex. 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 27, 39-67 odd  | 42*, 48*, 58        |
| 37 | 3.6 | Rational Functions                          | 3.6: ex. 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 27, 39-67 odd  | 68, 70              |
| 38 | 3.7 | Variation                                   | 3.7: ex. 15, 19, 21, 23, 29, 33, 35, 37  | 18, 24, 43*         |

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| 39 |      | REVIEW            |   |         |
|    |      | <b>EXAM #3</b>    | Material covered in Lectures 23-            |         |
| 40 | 10.2 | Parabolas         | 10.2: ex. 37-51 odd                         | 50*, 52 |
| 41 | 10.4 | Hyperbolas        | 10.4: ex. 29, 33, 37, 41, 43-51 odd, 73, 75 | 44*, 50 |
| 42 |      | REVIEW            |   |         |
|    |      | <b>FINAL EXAM</b> |   |         |

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