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Hi Everyone.

Just wanted to send out the syllabus before hand. Attached is a copy of the syllabus for the Precalculus class.

Two items of importance:

1. Due to the budget constraints that we are currently experiencing, classes have been cut from the schedule, and classes are running at capacity. What that means for us is that, as of about 10 days ago, this class is closed out - full. As of this evening there are 10 names on the waitlist, and I expect that number to grow.

You are expected to be in class on Tuesday, August 24th at 4:30 PM. Please be on time. If you know that you are not going to make it on time the first meeting of our class, let me know as soon as possible via e-mail and my cell phone which is listed in the syllabus. If you are not there and have not informed me beforehand that you will be missing the first day of class, I will fill your seat with one of the names from the waitlist.

2. I am using Enhanced Web Assign for the homework and some quizzes. Enhanced Web Assign (EWA) is an online program available through the publisher of our textbook. It provides you with immediate feedback as to whether or not you solved the problem correctly. It also provides help in solving the problems if you have difficulty understanding them. My experience with these programs shows that people who complete all there homework using these programs actually have a better understanding of the material than just doing them from the book where you don't get the immediate feedback.

In order to use Web Assign, you will need to purchase an access code. The bookstore does not have the access codes at this time, and may not have them available for the first meeting of our class. You can purchase them at [www.cengagebrain.com](http://www.cengagebrain.com) using the ISBN numbers that I included in the syllabus.

I am not requiring that you purchase the textbook. However, it is in your best interest to have a copy. Through CengageBrain.com, you can purchase a new textbook (paperback) along with the Enhanced Web Assign and a copy of the eBook (copy of the text available online) for about \$112. If you don't want to purchase the textbook, you can purchase just Enhanced Web Assign + eBook for \$59.95. For those that already have a copy of the text and just need access to Web Assign, the access code is \$34.95.

There is an older version of the textbook, ISBN 0534492779, that you can find on Amazon.com, HalfPriceBooks.com or some other website. I am in the process of checking to see that this is the same text as the current one. I'll send out an e-mail to that effect later.

If you are concerned about money, the versions that I have listed above from the Publisher are actually less expensive than purchasing through the bookstore. The new book is about \$135 through the bookstore, and a used text is about \$100. For those of you that choose the eBook + EWA bundle (\$59.95), there are copies of the textbook available for use in the Math Study Center while you are in there.

On the first day of class, we will be registering everyone in EWA. You **do not** need your access code at that time. The publisher offers 2 free weeks use before requiring an access code. That way, if you decide to drop the class before last day to receive a refund, you will not be out the cost of the access code.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via e-mail, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

I look forward to working with you all this semester.

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