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## Calculus (with Precalculus) 1: 88731

**Type of course:** lecture/recitation

**Hours/credits:** 4.0

**Academic year:** תשפ"א (2019-20)

**Semester:** 1 (Fall)

**Prerequisites:** Algebra 2 and a passing grade (75) on an Algebra Gateway Check verifying readiness for Precalculus.

### Course objectives:

- Refreshing knowledge of the properties of functions and their graphs
- Understanding the definitions of categories of algebraic functions and the characteristics and properties of each category
- Understanding the concepts of limits, derivatives and anti-derivatives
- Achieving computational proficiency with limits and derivatives using their arithmetic properties
- Graphing algebraic functions using algebraic and calculus-theoretic properties; drawing conclusions from these graphics
- Developing conceptual understanding and technical proficiency with using algebraic functions as models in optimization applications
- Understanding exponential functions and modeling with these functions (with emphasis on applications to COVID-19)

**Overview of the two-semester sequence:** In this two-semester sequence **students will learn the material typically taught in a Precalculus course followed by a Calculus 1 course for social sciences** taught sequentially. However, the material from these traditional courses is integrated.

**Course description:** The first semester in the two-course sequence focuses on the calculus of algebraic functions. It begins with a review of functions and graphs. We use basic (non-composite) algebraic functions to develop the main ideas of differential calculus: limits, continuity, derivatives. Anti-derivatives are introduced as well. We next explore applications of the properties of algebraic and calculus-theoretic properties of functions to graphing and modeling. Exponential functions are introduced at the end of the semester. (Note: The chain rule and implicit differentiation are introduced in the second semester.)

### The Process of the Course:

The course consists of three hours of lecture, integrating symbolic manipulation software as needed, and a one-hour question/answer recitation.

### Requirements and grade components:

- Attendance/participation (10%)
- Homework/attendance (10%)
- Quizzes (20%)
- Final Exam (60%)

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Schedule:

Topic	Required Reading
Review of Algebra 2	Taalman 0.2, 0.3 (Independent review)
Numbers, functions and graphs	Taalman 0.1, 0.4, 0.5
Operations on functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transformations</li><li>• Arithmetic operations</li><li>• Composition</li></ul>	Taalman 0.5, 0.6
Limits and continuity <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluating limits using graphs and tables</li><li>• Algebra techniques for computing limits</li><li>• Continuity</li><li>• Infinite limits</li><li>• Indeterminate forms</li></ul>	Taalman Chapter 1
Understanding algebraic functions graphically <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using a graph to determine an algebraic expression for a function</li><li>• Rough sketches of algebraic functions</li><li>• Analyzing graphs</li></ul>	Taalman Chapter 4
Derivatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Formal definition</li><li>• The derivative function</li><li>• Tangent lines</li><li>• Leibniz notation</li><li>• Basic derivatives</li><li>• The arithmetic of derivatives</li><li>• Introduction to antiderivatives</li></ul>	Taalman Sections 2.1-2.3
Applications of derivatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graphs of basic (non-composite) algebraic functions</li><li>• Optimization</li></ul>	Taalman Sections 3.1-3.4
Exponential functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transcendental functions</li><li>• Basic exponential functions <math>Ab^x</math></li><li>• Transformations and graphs of exponential functions</li><li>• Modeling with exponential functions</li><li>• Definition of <math>e</math></li><li>• Expressing an exponential function as <math>Ae^{kx}</math></li></ul>	Taalman Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.4 (exponential functions)

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**Bibliography:**

Required Textbook:

- Taalman, Laura, *Calculus I with integrated Precalculus First Edition*. Macmillian, 2013.

Recommended purchase/rental options:

- **Purchase/rent a printed edition; purchase an electronic edition from Amazon:**  
[https://www.amazon.com/Calculus-integrated-Precalculus-Laura-Taalman/dp/1429240733/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=taalman+calculus+precalculus&qid=1598001671&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Calculus-integrated-Precalculus-Laura-Taalman/dp/1429240733/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=taalman+calculus+precalculus&qid=1598001671&sr=8-1)  
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