

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry
Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney
... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

Table Of Contents (Alphabetical Ordered) w/ Hyperlinks For Quick Access in PDF version:

Syllbus Section or Topic	... Page # and Hyperink
Assignments, Bonus and Penalties	... 12
Assignments, Bonus and Penalties, Exam Achievement	... 12
Assignments, Bonus and Penalties, Specific Penalties	... 12
Assignments, Course Awareness	... 11
Assignments, Exams, Dates	... 7
Assignments, Exams, Format	... 7
Assignments, Exams, Missed Exam Policy	... 7
Assignments, Good Study Habits	... 10
Assignments, Good Study Habits, Quizlet	... 10
Assignments, Good Study Habits, Scratch Work	... 11
Assignments, Good Study Habits, The Answer Pad	... 10
Assignments, Skills Practice	... 8
Assignments, Skills Practice, Crossword Puzzles	... 8
Assignments, Skills Practice, MyOpenMath	... 9
Assignments, Skills Practice, WebAssign	... 8
Assignments, Special Collection Policies	... 6
Communication, CANVAS Notifications	... 3
Communication, Documented Events	... 3
Communication, DRC Accommodations	... 14
Communication, Email Configuration	... 3
Communication, Extenuating Circumstances	... 15
Communication, General	... 3
Communication, Grades or Weird Stuff	... 3
Communication, Homework Questions	... 3
Communication, Instructor	... 2
General, About the Course	... 2
General, Cheating	... 15
General, Class Meeting Times	... 4
General, Getting Help	... 13
General, Incompletes	... 15
General, Materials	... 2
Grades, CANVAS Configuration	... 5
Grades, ECT Points Break-down	... 5
Grades, Letter Grades	... 4
Grades, Negative Grades	... 6
Grades, Offset Grades	... 11
Private Tutor Warning	... 14

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry
Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney
... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

Instructor Contact Information

Instructor Name:	Mr. Matt Mahoney (Mr. M)
Instructor's Office:	Little Hall 467
Instructor's Office Hours:	Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:50 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.
Instructor's Office Phone:	Mr. M does not have an office phone because the Mathematics department is trying to save money on their phone bill.
Instructor's Email:	gatormm@ufl.edu
Other Contact Information:	See the section " Communicating " on page 3.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

About This Course:

MAC1114 is a 2 credit Mathematics course that along with MAC1140 prepares students to take MAC2311. When Mr. M. teaches the course he covers as many pure Trigonometry concepts as possible along with some geometry and precalculus topics (for some its review and others it's new).

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Materials Needed and/or Recommended

For this course you will need:

- A computer and/or smart phone
- A binder to store papers
- A Free Quizlet Account
- A WebAssign Access Code for our textbook (see section about [WebAssign Access](#) on page 8)
- Access to the Internet
- Access to a Printer
- College or Wide Ruled Paper
- Pens, Pencils, and Erasers

For this course the following is recommended but not required:

- Download the free App for [The Answer Pad](#).
- Download the free [CamScanner](#) App.
- Quizlet also provides a free app. While it is good for studying it cannot be used for certain graded assignments.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry
Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney
... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

Ways to Communicate

We will be using different kinds of communication systems this semester, make sure you are configured to receive all messages and that you use the appropriate form of communication based on your specific needs. Most communication tools and course materials can be found on our CANVAS page (<http://elearning.ufl.edu/>).

Got a question about an Online HW Problem, Crossword Puzzle, Lecture Note Example, or Course Polices? Access our [Prulu Course](#) through CANVAS and post your question, anonymously if you wish.

Follow good Prulu etiquette:

- Look to see if someone has already asked your question before posting that question.
- When asking about an example or concept from the lecture notes include the lecture title and slide number in the “Question” section of the Prulu dialogue box.
- When asking about an online homework question please include the name of the assignment and question number (and possibly the question part).
- If you post anonymously on Prulu but want Mr. M. to look at your specific version of the question please include the three digit number posted as an “Informational Grade” for you on CANVAS called “ID from Mr. M” into the “Question Details” of the Prulu dialogue box.

Do you need to let Mr. M know about an absence, accommodation, appointment, event, trip, etc.? There will be an “assignment link” on CANVAS called [My Documentation](#). Describe your event using the comment tool and attached a PDF version of your required documentation to that comment. You can do this multiple times. Each time you post a file though make sure you add an additional comment so that Mr. M. is alerted to the change.

Got a Question about (non-specific) Grades or something weird? Send Mr. M and email at gatormm@ufl.edu and include “MAC1114 Fall 17” in the subject line.

NEVER EVER USE THE CANVAS MAIL TOOL! Mr. M. will dock your grade if you do.

Configure your email client to receive messages from gatormm@ufl.edu and LISTSERV@lists.ufl.edu. This is the primary way Mr. M. sends out class announcements.

Configure your CANVAS NOTIFICATONS to receive “Dailey Updates” for “Course Content”. To configure CANVAS Notifications check “Notifications” under the “Account” navigation link in CANVAS.

This semester we will be using/trying “**The Answer Pad**” which is an audience feedback system that can be accessed from any internet browser (on a computer, table, or smart phone) or special apps for Android and IOS devices. Mr. M will be providing more information about using this tool later.

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry

Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney

... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

We'll meet in class regularly at the following times listed below. It is recommended that you go to your assigned section but you are not obligated to go to your assigned section. If you are enrolled in an earlier section and miss class then go to a later section. If you are in a later section and have a conflicting appointment plan to go to an earlier section that day.

Section	Meeting Period	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Campus Map Link
2859	2 nd	8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.	LIT 235	Link
3054	3 rd	9:35 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.	MAT 002	Link
3055	4 th	10:40 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.	MAT 003	Link
3056	5 th	11:45 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.	MAT 115	Link

Class time consists of Mr. M filling out his lecture note shells which are called "Topic Outlines" and will also be attempting to gauge student understanding using "The Answer Pad". Blank topic outlines will be found on our CANVAS page. At some point Mr. M will also post the filled-in versions of these outlines on CANVAS which can be easily viewed but not easily printed.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

How Letter Grades Are Decided

There are various assignments in this course. Each assignment is worth a certain amount of points. The sum of all the points you've earned rounded to the nearest whole amount is called your "Earned Course Total" or E.C.T points. The portion of points you earn from just exams and rounded to the nearest whole amount is called your "Just Exam Total" or J.E.T. points.

Regular attendance and participation in class is important! Starting on the third day of class, Tuesday, Aug. 29, an attendance sheet will be passed around toward the end of class. You must place your signature on this attendance sheet. The maximum number of possible signatures is 28.

Your final grade is decided by either your E.C.T. points or your J.E.T. points and the number of attendance sheets you've signed according to the following table:

To earn a/an ... (GPA PTS)	E.C.T. Points	... or ...	J.E.T. Points	... and At least ...
A (4.00 GPA)	360 to 400		N/A	25 Attendance Sheet Signatures
A- (3.67 GPA)	348 to 359		227 to 260	24 Attendance Sheet Signatures
B+ (3.33 GPA)	332 to 347		N/A	23 Attendance Sheet Signatures
B (3.00 GPA)	320 to 331		208 to 226	22 Attendance Sheet Signatures
B- (2.67 GPA)	308 to 319		N/A	22 Attendance Sheet Signatures
C+ (2.33 GPA)	292 to 307		N/A	20 Attendance Sheet Signatures
C (2.00 GPA)	280 to 291		182 to 207	20 Attendance Sheet Signatures
C- (1.67 GPA)	268 to 279		N/A	19 Attendance Sheet Signatures
D+ (1.33 GPA)	252 to 267		N/A	18 Attendance Sheet Signatures
D (1.00 GPA)	240 to 251		156 to 181	17 Attendance Sheet Signatures
D- (0.67 GPA)	228 to 239		N/A	16 Attendance Sheet Signatures
E (0.00 GPA)	0 to 227		0 to 155	00 Attendance Sheet Signatures

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry

Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney

... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

- **Note 1:** The maximum possible grade you can earn with J.E.T. points is an “A-”.
- **Note 2:** The only grades you can earn from J.E.T. are “E”, “D”, “C”, “B”, or “A-”.
- **Note 3:** The Attendance requirement applies to both E.C.T. and J.E.T. If not met then you receive the next lowest letter grade matching your number of signatures.
- **Note 4:** Whether you experience occasional or significant recurring absences please talk about it with Mr. M, in person if possible. If you have documentation for your absence remember to submit it as a PDF filled to the CANVAS assignment called [My Documentation](#). The attendance policy above is intended to prevent “slacking”, not harm students experiencing potentially traumatic life events such as those listed in the section on [“Extenuating Circumstance”](#) on page 15.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

E.C.T. Points Break-Down

All students should try to obtain their final grade via E.C.T. points system instead of the J.E.T. points system. Regardless of which system works for you in the end you must attend frequently and regularly. The E.C.T. points are broken-down below:

Category	Sub-Category	Points	% of E.C.T.
[Bonus And Penalties]		[-12 to +24 Points]	[-3% to + 6%]
	Cumulative Final	80 Points	20 %
	Semester Exam 03	60 Points	15 %
	Semester Exam 02	60 Points	15 %
	Semester Exam 01	60 Points	15 %
	Skills Practice:	80 Points	20 %
	Scanned Crossword Puzzles		
	MyOpenMath Homework		
	WebAssign Homework		
	Good Study Habits:	40 Points	10 %
	“The Answer Pad” Participation		
	Quizlet Set Screenshots		
	Scanned Scratch Work		
	Course Awareness	20 Points	5 %
	Total	400 Points	

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

About CANVAS Grades

Mr. M will be posting grades for assignments on CANVAS though he uses a sophisticated Excel Sheet for the final grade calculation. Sometimes CANVAS’s “what-if” grade calculation does not accurately predict or calculate a correct grade. Thus, Mr. M will post a series of informational grades, two of which are your current E.C.T. and J.E.T. points with (Letter Grades). It is important to remember that

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry

Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney

... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

until every assignment is graded and aggregated that you DO NOT HAVE A GRADE, only an educated guess as to what your final grade might be.

Always arrange your Grades in CANVAS by “Assignment Group” instead of “Due Date” the default. If you have “Calculate based only on graded assignments” checked then the final “percentage” grade CANVAS is predicting could be higher than final actual grade since low scores on future assignments are not being added in yet. If you have “Calculate based only on graded assignments” unchecked then the final “percentage” grade CANVAS is predicting will probably be lower than final actual grade since there a lot of scores on future assignments that CANVAS is assuming are 0 when in reality they will not be.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Some Assignments will be collected from everyone but some will not.

Every student attempting to earn a letter grade via their E.C.T. total should attempt to do every assignment. Some assignments really will be collected from every student like the “Exams”, “WebAssign homework”, “MyOpenMath homework”, “The Answer Pad” participation, “Course Awareness”, and certain “Quizlet Screenshot” assignments. Others like the “Scanned Crossword Puzzle”, “Scanned Scratch Work”, or certain “Quizlet Set Screenshot” assignments will only be “officially” collected for a mostly random sample of students. However, this random sample will not be decided or posted until after the due date for these assignments has passed. The reason for this is simple, Mr. M wants every student to do these assignments but Mr. M does not want to grade every student’s assignment.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

About Negative Grades

Some assignments will be assigned a negative grade. This can mean one of several things so try not to freak out.

- If you see a “-1” grade posted for a “Quizlet Set Screenshot”, “Scanned Crossword Puzzle”, or “Scanned Scratch Work” assignment then it is indicating you were not responsible for turning in that assignment. That entry should be grayed out (meaning CANVAS is dropping it from grading totals). This “-1” grade DOES NOT affect your actual final grade.
- If you see an “Offset” grade with a negative value it mean you earned more points than the cap for a particular grade category this negative score has been added in so that the total points for that grade category does not exceed its capped value increasing the chances that CANVAS correctly predicts a final grade for you. Several grades are capped in the course and CANVAS does not yet have an automatic way of capping grades. These negative grades DO NOT affect your actual final real grade.

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry
Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney
... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

- If you see a negative grade in “Bonuses and Penalties” and it is not an “Offset” grade, then that is one of the course penalties you can obtain. Negative Penalty grades DO AFFECT your actual final grade.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

What is the Format of Exams?

Mr. M’s exam are usually either scantron or scantron-like exams that feature multi-bubbling (bubbling multiple circles to indicate a correct answer). Each semester exam consists of at least 60 points and your grade is capped at 60 points. The exam usually consists of three sections ...

- ... Fill-in the blank vocabulary questions based on Crosswords and Quizlet Vocabulary Sets.
- ... Multiple-Choice questions usually based on Online Homework Problems.
- ... True/False questions usually based on concepts in the lecture notes.

The final exam has the same exact format except that it will have 80 points worth of questions and your grade will be capped at 80.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

When Are Our Exams?

Our final exam is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9 which is in conflict with the MAC1140 final exam. Mr. M will work with students in both course to take their MAC1114 at an alternate time. Our semester exams have not be scheduled yet. As soon as Mr. M knows the exam dates he will post them on CANVAS and email them out through the class list serve. More specific information about Exams will be provided closer to the exams.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

What if I miss or am going to miss an Exam?

It is important to realize that there are no separate “make up exams” for individual semester exams. The final exam is the “make up” exam for any missed semester exam for any reason, good or bad, reasonable or unreasonable. The way this works is your 80 point final exam score is multiplied by “0.75” or “3/4” to generate a score out of 60 points known as your “Emergency Replacement Exam” or “EMC Replacement Exam” score. This score will replace your missed semester exam grade.

Mr. M’s schedule is very tight this semester. Mr. M will attempt to schedule a room for allowing students with well documented extenuating circumstances to take an exam early, see the section on [“Extenuating Circumstance”](#) on page 15 for descriptions. The documentation must be submitted to the “assignment link” on CANVAS called [My Documentation](#) before taking the exam early. By “earlier” Mr. M means the same day but before everyone else’s exam time. If you need or desire to take an exam more than 24 hours before the scheduled exam time then it will not happen even if you have very valid reason for not being able to take the exam at the scheduled time.

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry
Fall 2017 Syllabus for with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney
... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

The final exam can be made or possibly taken early in the event of an extenuating circumstance but the same documentation rules apply.

Always communicate with Mr. M directly about Exam conflicts, preferably in person, as soon as you learn about them.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

About Skills Practice Assignments

This category of assignments consists of three types of assignments. Each assignment is worth at least 1.5 course points. Thematically, these assignments require students to get questions correct in order to earn a higher score.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Further About Crossword Puzzle Scans

While students do not have to read the textbook (... though it wouldn't hurt you to do that ...) they should read the "Topic Outlines" before and after we fill them out. To encourage this behavior Mr. M will create a "Crossword Puzzle" for each "Topic Outline" or a set of outlines. Each student should print and complete the crossword puzzle by re-reading their notes.

Students make work together or ask for hints on our Prulu site, be sure to include the "Form Code" of the crossword puzzle if there is one. After completing the puzzle and before the puzzle's due date students should scan the puzzle into a PDF document and upload this PDF to CANVAS. Instructions for "Scanning" and "Uploading to CANVAS" can be found in the "How to Scan and Upload Important Documents" document located in the "Getting Started" section of our CANVAS page.

You will only have about four days to complete each crossword puzzle. Puzzles cannot be turned in LATE!

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Further About WebAssign Homework

Our official textbook for the course is PRECALCULUS, 10th edition, by Larson. Mr. M does not use the textbook and does not care if you have.

We will be using WebAssign this semester for online homework and accessing it through CANVAS. There will be specific instructions for enrolling in our WebAssign course listed in the "Getting Started" section of our CANVAS page. It is important to follow these instructions, especially if you are simultaneously taking MAC1140 or plan to take MAC1140 in your future.

Between Tuesday, August 22 and Tuesday, September 5 students will be able to access WebAssign Homework without charge. After that "Grace Period" of "Temporary Access" ends

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry

Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney

... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

students must present an Access Code or purchase access online. There are several ways to purchase an access code:

- **UF All Access program:** You have the choice to “[Opt-In](#)” to WebAssign access (includes e-book) once classes begin for a REDUCED price of \$62.50 and pay for these materials through your student account. The deadline to opt-in is September 8. Information about “How to Opt-In” into WebAssign access will be provided on the “Getting Started” section of our CANVAS page.
- You can purchase a WebAssign access code and also a loose-leaf print version of the textbook through the **UF Bookstore** for about \$109.25.
- You can purchase a WebAssign access code directly from **WebAssign** for about \$100.00.
- You can purchase the WebAssign access code and/or textbook at a bookstore or elsewhere. Prices vary.

In WebAssign the homework assignments are listed as being worth 10 points but in CANVAS they will be listed as their true point value of 1.5 course points. Mr. M aims for one WA HW for each Topic outline. You will have about 1 week to complete all questions on a homework set. As class meets twice a week, you should expect to always have at least two overlapping homeworks open at the same time.

For each question on a homework set you will have between 1 and 7 attempts to get the entire question correct. After 3 wrong attempts you should be posting on our Prulu site for help. After a homework assignments due date has passed you may return to it to practice any homework question (including ones you never did) as much as you like. To access this feature click anywhere on the bottom white space of a question and a “Try Similar Exercise” button should appear.

When working out your WebAssign homework (WA HW) make sure to work all questions out on paper formatted according to the instructions in the “How to format Scratch Work from online homework” document located in the “Getting Started” section of our CANVAS page.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Further About MyOpenMath

Occasionally you may have a MyOpenMath (MOM) online homework. MyOpenMath is a completely free online homework program. It also integrates with CANVAS and requires no student registration so you will have to do nothing special to access a MOM HW.

Treat assignments from MOM in the same way as WA HW, meaning you should work all questions according to the instructions in the “How to format Scratch Work from online homework” document located in the “Getting Started” section of our CANVAS page.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry
Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney
... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

About Good Study Habits Assignments

This category of assignments consists of three types of assignments. Each assignment is worth at least 1 course point. Thematically, these assignments require students to follow directions, study, and/or participation in study activities.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Further About “The Answer Pad” Participation

“[The Answer Pad](#)” is a student-feedback-system which most students refer to as a “Clicker” (H-ITT, iClicker, etc.). Unlike a physical clicker system “The Answer Pad” can be used from a smart phone, laptop, or tablet using either a web browser, a free android app, or a free IOS app. It is also very affordable to teachers and completely “free” to students. As Mr. M. has never used this before, or any student feedback system in his MAC1114 courses, this will be a new experience to him. So at the time of this writing he is not exactly sure how your participation will correlate to a grade but he does know that it will correlate to a grade. Failure to participate will lead to a lower overall E.C.P. total.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Further About Quizlet Screenshots

Mr. M will post Quizlet sets on our Quizlet course. Information on how to access our Quizlet course will be provided in the Getting Start section of our CANAS page. Some of these sets will be the answers to Crossword Puzzles while others will be entirely independent.

A Quizlet Screenshot Assignment is an assignment where students ...

- 1) ... will complete a certain set of activities for a specified Quizlet Set and ...
- 2) ... save certain screenshots of those activities.
- 3) ... They will then embed these screenshots into a document file with ...
- 4) ... a formatted header.
- 5) The final document will be converted to a PDF and ...
- 6) ... the PDF will be uploaded to CANVAS.

To get full credit for these assignments the PDF must be properly formatted and the screenshots must show all the required details as stated in the “How to Format Quizlet Screenshots” document. You will have between four days and one week for each Quizlet Screenshot assignment.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Further About Scratch Work Scans

Mr. M will be collecting PDF scans of your scratch work for each WA HW or MOM HW that we have. The due date for these scans will be two days after the due date of the corresponding online homework.

When you work out any WA HW or MOM HW you should follow the instructions in the “How to format Scratch Work from online homework” document found in the “Getting Started” section of our CANVAS page. After you have completed all your homework questions and before the scan assignment’s due date scan your scratch work as multi-page PDF according to the instructions in the “How to Scan and Upload Important Documents” document located in the “Getting Started” section of our CANVAS course.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

More About Offset Grades

Offset grades for the “Skills Practice” category and the “Good Study Habits” category can either be positive, zero, or negative depending on the exact number of assignments we have in each category. The deciding factor for a particular category’s offset is whether or not the sum of all possible points for an assignment category is less, equal to, or more than the cap for that category as indicated in the [“E.C.T. Points Break-Down”](#) section on page 5.

- 1) If we have more than the exact number of assignments then students whose points total exceed a categories point cap will have a negative offset grade equal to their personal overflow on that category and all other student will have an offset of “0”.
- 2) If we have the exact number of assignments then everyone’s offset is set to “0”.
- 3) If we have less than the exact number of assignments then a student’s offset will be set to the positive number of points that when added to the points they’ve earned will have the save average relative to that category’s cap as the average they had relative to the number of assignments we ended up having.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

The Course Awareness Assignments

This category of assignments consist of several CANVAS quizzes which test whether or not students have read important documents such as but not exclusively ...

- This Syllabus.
- The “How to Scan and Upload Important Documents” document.
- The “How to Format Quizlet Screenshots” document.
- The “How to format Scratch Work from online homework” document.
- The “How to properly register for WebAssign” document.

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry
Fall 2017 Syllabus for with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney
... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

Mr. M also hopes to finally do the “Digital Notecard” assignment with his class this semester, this assignment’s grade will be included in this category. All documents mentioned above will be found in the “Getting Started” section of our CANVAS page.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

How do Bonus and Penalties work in general?

Mr. M loves to give out bonus points but also loves to take points of way for not following directions. Regardless of how many bonus points you can earn or how many penalties you can earn your bonus/penalty points will be capped at -12 from below and 24 from above. Notice that this enough points to drop you a letter grade or raise you up to two letter grades. All bonus points and penalties will add together before the “ -12 to 24 ” capping takes effect, so if you get a penalty you can cancel it out by earning a bonus.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

What are some specific Penalties?

Here are some specific penalties you can experience. This is not an exhaustive list. The best way to avoid penalties is by reading and clearly following directions.

- Emailing Mr. M using the CANVAS mail tool, It is “ -1 ” course points for each offense. It is okay to use CANVAS to comment on Grades though.
- Not properly completing an exam scantron or signing and exam night attendance sheet. Its “ -0.5 ” course points for each offense. Depending on how Mr. M formats his exams “Scantron” vs “Scantron Like” this can be between “ -1 ” and “ -2 ” course points.
- Not properly posting question on Prulu, which is “ -0.5 ” course points for each offense.
- Asking Mr. M mathematics questions via email rather than posting them on Prulu (remember you can do it anonymously) which is “ -1 ” course points for each offense.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

What are Exam Achievement Bonuses?

Most classes have a “final replaces the lowest test” policy but that is not Mr. M’s style. There are eight achievement bonuses below each worth 3.00 bonus points.

- **Everyone Has a Bad Day:** Earn this bonus achievement by obtaining a higher percentage grade on your final exam than your semester exam with the lowest percentage grade. (**Note:** If you miss an exam, your lowest exam grade is the lowest of the exams you didn’t miss)
- **No Average Joe:** Earn this bonus achievement by obtaining a higher percentage grade on your final exam than your average semester exam’s percentage grade. (**Note:** If you miss an exam, your average exam grade is the average of the exams you didn’t miss)

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry

Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney

... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

- **King of The Hill:** Earn this bonus achievement by obtaining a higher percentage grade on our final exam than your semester exam with the highest percentage grade.
- **Uphill Battle:** You earn this bonus achievement if your Exam 1, Exam 2, Exam 3, and Final Exam percentage grade form a strictly increasing sequence like “70% on Exam 1, 73% on Exam 2, 74% on Exam 3, and 76% on Final”. (**Note:** As long as you miss ONLY ONE exam this semester you can still earn this bonus based on the exams you did take.)
- **Out Of The Park:** Earn this bonus achievement by earning 60 points on at least one semester exam.
- **Bases Loaded:** Earn this bonus achievement by earning 60 points on every semester exam. If you miss only one exam for any reason you are still eligible for this achievement bonus, if you miss more than one for any reason then you are not.
- **Home Run:** Earn this bonus achievement by earning 60 points on every semester exam and 80 points on the cumulative final exam. If you miss only one exam for any reason you are still eligible for this achievement bonus, if you miss more than one for any reason then you are not.
- **Never Give Up Hope:** Some students are amazing student but not amazing test takers. A student will earn this bonus if that student’s exams form a strictly decreasing sequence like “90% on Exam 1, 74% on Exam 2, 67% on Exam 3, and 60% on Final”. (**Note:** As long as you miss ONLY ONE exam this semester you can still earn this bonus based on the exams you did take.)

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

Where can I get help with the course?

This is a thorough list but probably not a complete list!

- (1) Post questions to Prulu, anonymously if you prefer, or look to see if someone has posted or responded to your same question. Always post questions about any problem that has made you use three attempts or more on WebAssign or MyOpenMath.
- (2) You can try asking for help from Mr. M during his office hours. He likes to help his students succeed.
- (3) Try making some friends in the course (they don’t even have to be in your specific section) and form a study group. You can even try out option (4) through (9) with them if you want.
- (4) You can try the new-ish “Teaching Center at Little Hall” satellite location which is in Little Hall Room 215 (it still appears to be pretty swanky too). In addition to being staffed by the Teaching Center’s awesome undergraduate tutors it will also be staffed by two Mathematics Graduate students during most hours of operation. **THIS SERVICE IS COMPLETELY FREE.**
- (5) You can try the Teaching Center’s original walk-in tutoring service, the “Math Study Center” (a.k.a. the Broward Math Lab) in South East Broward Hall Basement. These are the same undergraduate students mentioned in (4) above. **THIS SERVICE IS COMPLETELY FREE.**
- (6) You can try the Teaching Center’s Private Appointment service. These are the same undergraduate students mentioned in (4) above. **THIS SERVICE IS COMPLETELY FREE.**

MAC 1114 – Precalculus Trigonometry

Fall 2017 Syllabus for ... with instructor Mr. Matt Mahoney

... for sections 2859, 3054, 3055, 3056

To get more information about location and all services provided by the Teaching Center go to their website at: <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>

- (7) You can try OAS Academic Tutoring. See their website (<http://oas.aa.ufl.edu/programs/tutoring/>) for more details. **THIS SERVICE IS COMPLETELY FREE.**
- (8) You can try hire a private tutor from a list of Mathematics Graduate Students. The list can be found as a link on this webpage: <http://math.ufl.edu/courses/>. These are the same graduate students mentioned in (3) above, but in (3) they are offering help for free. **YOU WILL PAY MONEY FOR THIS.**
- (9) You can try to hire a private tutor off campus from one of the many tutoring companies. Those most popular one among students at the moment is Study Edge. **YOU WILL PAY MONEY FOR THIS.**

Private Tutor Warning! –It is actually not in a paid tutors financial interests to have you become an independent learner. They need you to need them in order to pay their bills. Paid tutors will almost always make you feel great about a tutoring session. Make sure that when you leave a paid tutoring session that you are able to demonstrate success on a problem on your own. If you continue to use a paid tutoring service your exam grades should be rising and/or staying high and if they are not, they are not the right tutor for you.

- (10) The UF Counseling Center provides information about Test Anxiety and Math Confidence, as well as Group Workshops.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

What if I have course accommodations through DSO?

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Disability Resource Center. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to me, Mr. M, at Little 467, when requesting accommodation.

If you are a student with D.R.C. accommodation please submit your Accommodation Letter through the “[My Documentation](#)” assignment in CANVAS as a PDF file. Please remember to get Mr. M your accommodation letter A.S.A.P. As soon as our exam dates are known please sign up for accommodated testing with the DRC, Mr. M’s ATR contract should already be on file with them when you need to sign up.

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

What if I am experiencing “Extenuating Circumstances”?

Mr. M will allow for the following situations when dealing with an exam you will miss, a final exam you did miss, or continuous absence affecting multiple assignments and your final grade. These situations must be **well documented**, meaning that Mr. M should have some form of paperwork which verifies that your individual situation is indeed one of the extenuating circumstances given below. The documentation should include a contact number that Mr. Mahoney can use to validate your documentation. Documentation should be submitted to the [“My Documentation”](#) assignment in CANVAS as a PDF file. The following list shall here forth be known as the “recognized extenuating circumstances” for the entirety of this document.

- Death or Immediate Hospitalization of a Biological Parent or Parent by Marriage.
- Death or Immediate Hospitalization of a Legal Guardian [if not your Parent].
- Death or Immediate Hospitalization of a Sibling.
- Death or Immediate Hospitalization of a Child or Legal Dependent.
- Death or Immediate Hospitalization of a spouse or life-partner.
- The birth of your child or legal dependent [which usually involves some form of Immediate Hospitalization].
- Attendance at a University Sponsored Event such as a Performance, Conference, or Athletic Competition.
- A Court Imposed Legal Obligation.
- A conflicting assembly exam belong to a course with higher course number (≥ 1115) or more than 300 students in attendance (our class has about 100 or less).

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

What if I cheat?

All students are required to abide by the Academic Honesty Guidelines which have been accepted by the University. The academic community of students and faculty at the University of Florida strives to develop, sustain and protect an environment of honesty, trust, and respect. Students are expected to pursue knowledge with integrity. Exhibiting honesty in academic pursuits and reporting violations of the Academic Honesty Guidelines will encourage others to act with integrity. Violations of the Academic Honesty Guidelines shall result in judicial action and a student being subject to the sanctions in paragraph XIV of the Student Code of Conduct. The conduct set forth hereinafter constitutes a violation of the Academic Honesty Guidelines (University of Florida Rule 6C1-4.017).

[Return Link to Table of Contents](#)

What if I want to take an Incomplete?

A grade of I (incomplete) will be considered only if you meet the Math Department criteria which is found at www.math.ufl.edu and Mr. M. adds additional criteria which is that you must have taken all three semester exams and be willing to complete all missing work including the final exam before 30 days after the end of the Fall 2017 semester passes.