

## MATH 119 Precalculus Trigonometry

### 1. Catalog Description

**MATH 119. Precalculus Trigonometry**  
GE Area B1

**4 units**

Prerequisite: Completion of ELM requirement and passing score on appropriate

Mathematics Placement Examination, or MATH 117, or MATH 118.

Rectangular and polar coordinates. Trigonometric functions, fundamental identities.

Inverse trigonometric functions and relations. Vectors, complex numbers, conic sections, and analytic geometry. Not open to students with credit in MATH 141, MATH 161, or MATH 221. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE B1; for students admitted Fall 2016 or later, a grade of C- or better in one GE B1 course is required to fulfill GE Area B.

### 2. Required Background or Experience

Math 118 or equivalent.

### 3. Learning Objectives

The student should:

- a. Understand the trigonometric functions as developed from both a right triangle and a circle.
- b. Apply trigonometric functions to simple problems involving the geometry of triangles and circles, vectors, and periodic phenomena.
- c. Derive basic trigonometric identities and use them to manipulate expressions involving trigonometric functions.
- d. Graph with facility equations similar to  $y = A \sin(Bx + C)$  and combinations thereof.
- e. Understand and be able to manipulate the inverse trigonometric functions and use them to solve trigonometric equations.
- f. Understand analytic geometry and the polar form of the conic sections.

### 4. Text and References

- Cohen, David, et al., Precalculus: A Problems-Oriented Approach, customized for Cal Poly, Thomson/Brooks-Cole.

### 5. Minimum Student Materials

Paper, pencils, and notebook.

### 6. Minimum University Facilities

Classroom with ample chalkboard space for demonstration and class use.

7. Content and Method

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lectures</u>
<b>Chapter 3: Functions (REVIEW)</b>	2
3.1 The Definition of a Function	
3.2 The Graph of a Function	
3.3 Shapes of Graphs. Average Rate of Change	
3.4 Techniques in Graphing	
3.5 Methods of Combining Functions. ( <i>Skip iteration</i> )	
<b>Chapter 6: An Introduction to Trigonometry via Right Triangles</b>	4
6.1 Trigonometric Functions of Acute Angles	
6.2 Right-Triangle Applications	
6.3 Trigonometric Functions of Angles	
6.4 Trigonometric Identities	
<b>Chapter 7: Trigonometric Functions</b>	4
7.1 Radian Measure	
7.2 Trigonometric Functions of Angles	
7.3 Evaluating the Trigonometric Functions	
7.4 Algebra and the Trigonometric Functions	
7.5 Right-Triangle Trigonometry	
<b>Chapter 8: Graphs of the Trigonometric Functions</b>	4
8.1 Trigonometric Functions of Real Numbers	
8.2 Graphs of the Sine and Cosine Functions	
8.3 Graphs of $y = A \sin(Bx - C)$ and $y = A \cos(Bx - C)$	
8.4 Simple Harmonic Motion	
8.5 Graphs of the Tangent and the Reciprocal Functions	
<b>Chapter 9: Analytical Trigonometry</b>	6
9.1 The Addition Formulas	
9.2 The Double-Angle Formulas	
9.3 The Product-to-Sum and Sum-to-Product Formulas	
9.4 Trigonometric Equations	
[3.6 <i>Inverse Functions (Review)</i> ]	
9.5 The Inverse Trigonometric Functions	
<b>Chapter 10: Additional Topics in Trigonometry</b>	8
10.1 Right-Triangle Applications	
10.2 The Law of Sines and the Law of Cosines	
10.3 Vectors in the Plane: A Geometric Approach	
10.4 Vectors in the Plane: An Algebraic Approach	
10.5 Parametric Equations	
10.6 Introduction to Polar Coordinates	
10.7 Curves in Polar Coordinates	
<b>Chapter 12: The Conic Sections</b>	6
12.1 The Basic Equations	
12.2 The Parabola	
12.4 The Ellipse	
12.5 The Hyperbola	
12.6 The Focus-Directrix Property of Conics	
12.7 The Conics in Polar Coordinates	
Total	34

8. Methods of Assessment

The primary methods of assessment are: essay examinations, quizzes and homework. Typically, there will be one or more hour-long examinations during the quarter, and a required comprehensive final examination. Students are required to show their work and are graded not only on the correctness of their answers, but also on their understanding of the concepts and techniques.