

DEPARTMENT of ACADEMIC UPGRADING

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2025

MA0131 (A4): Mathematics Grade 12 Calculus Equivalent – 5 (7.5-0-0)

112.5 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This is a modularized course which covers limits of sequences, series, and functions, secants and tangents, derivatives from first principles, chain rule, product rule, quotient rule, implicit differentiation, curve sketching, maxima and minima applications, relates rates applications, antiderivatives and area, limits, and derivatives of trigonometric functions.

PREREQUISITE(S):

Complete 1 of the following:

- MA0120 – Mathematics Grade 20-1 Equivalent (5)
- Equivalent course

COREQUISITE:

Concurrently enrolled in:

- MA0130 – Mathematics grade 12 Equivalent (Pre-Calculus 30-1) (5)

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Package of MA0131 modules, 2022;

Non-graphing scientific calculator (TI-30XIIS recommended);

Internet access for MyClass and additional material.

DELIVERY MODE(S):

- **On-campus (attend on-campus, in-person)** – This type of course will be delivered on campus in a specific location which will be indicated on the student timetable. Students are expected to fully attend in person.
- MA0131 is a modularized math course.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

As a result of taking this course, students will gain the ability to:

- draw graphs of a functions by applying transformations to the graphs of known functions
- simplify rational expressions, using any of the four basic operations
- determine the limit of a functions for a given value using the graph of the function
- compute limits of functions, using definitions and limit theorems
- determine the slopes and equations of the tangent and the normal lines at a given point on a curve, using the definition of a derivative
- differentiate polynomial functions, using the derivative theorems for sum and difference
- determine the derivative of a combination function with the product and quotient using the chain rule
- differentiate a function using implicit differentiation
- sketch the graph of a function using first and second derivatives to find maxima, minima, and inflection point
- determine intervals where the derivative is greater than zero or less than zero in order to predict where the function is increasing or decreasing
- determine whether or not a critical point is a maximum or a minimum
- determine maximum or minimum values for application involving numbers, geometry, distance and time, economics, and science

- solve rate of change applications relating to science, area, volume, and related motion
- determine the area between a curve and the x-axis over a given interval
- determine velocity and displacement by finding the anti-derivatives of acceleration and velocity functions
- determine the limit for a trigonometric function as the angle approaches a finite or infinite value
- find the derivative of more complicated trigonometric functions using the power, chain, product and quotient rule

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>. This course is accepted at colleges and universities in Alberta as equivalent to Math 31.

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. **Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

4 section tests (best 4 out of 5)	50 %
Midterm	5 %
Final Exam	45 %

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit IF your grade is less than C-.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

See table on last page.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

In addition to the Student Rights and Responsibilities as set out in the Northwestern Polytechnic website

(<https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/fetch.php?ID=69>), the following guidelines will maintain an effective learning environment for everyone:

- Regular attendance is expected of all students in all mathematics courses.
Your success in math is directly linked to your attendance. Attendance will be taken daily.
- Students are expected to be punctual. Arrive on time for classes and remain for the duration of scheduled classes.
- Refrain from disruptive talking or socializing during class time.
- Be respectful of others regarding food or beverages in the classroom. Clean up your eating area and dispose of garbage.
- Recycle paper, bottles, and cans in the appropriate containers.
- Children are not permitted in the classrooms.
- Students are expected to notify the instructor of any extenuating circumstances.

- Students are expected to silence cell phones during class time. No unspecified electronic devices will be allowed in exams.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

MA0131 Tentative Test Schedule for Spring 2025

Test #	% towards final grade	Topics	Recommended Test Date	Date written	Mark
1	12.5%	Review & Limits	May 13		
2	12.5%	The Derivative & More Derivatives	May 23		
Midterm Exam	5%	All of the Above	May 30		
3	12.5%	Curve Sketching & Maximum/Minimum	June 4		
4	12.5%	Applications: Rate of Change & Anti-derivatives and Area	June 17		
5	12.5%	Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions	June 24		
Final Exam	45%	All of the Above	June 27 3 hour exam		

*****All tests must be completed by June 25th.**

*****Midterm must be completed by June 2nd.**