

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2026

MA1000 (A2): Calculus I – 4 (3-2-0) UT 75 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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HOURS: MTR 11:30 – 12:30 W 13:00--14:00

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Review of numbers, inequalities, functions, analytic geometry; limits, continuity; derivatives and applications, Taylor polynomials; log, exp, and inverse trig functions. Integration, fundamental theorem of calculus substitution, trapezoidal and Simpson's rules.

PREREQUISITE: Math 30-1 and Math 31 or equivalent

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: We will use a free open source textbook found at <https://openstax.org>. Go to the website and click on “Subjects” >> “Math”. We will use the Open Stax ALLY Calculus texts—mostly Volume 1 but a few sections from Volumes 2 and 3.

DELIVERY MODE(S):

Lectures:	A2	MW 10:00—11:20	D308
Seminars:	AS1	F 14:30—16:20	E302
	AS2	W 14:30—16:20	J202
	AS3	T 14:30—16:20	A314

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of this course, students should be able to...

- Calculate limits of functions using the limit laws;
- Identify points or intervals where a function is continuous/discontinuous;
- Calculate derivatives of functions using the definitions and the differentiation rules;
- Estimate the value of a function at a point using the tangent line (linear) approximation or differentials;
- Calculate derivatives implicitly and solve related rates problems;
- Sketch the graph of a function and indicate the extreme values, points of inflection, asymptotes, and intervals of concavity;
- Apply calculus to solve optimization problems;
- Calculate definite integrals using Riemann sums and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus;
- Calculate definite and indefinite integrals using substitution;
- Use the definite integral to compute quantities such as the area between curves, displacement and distance travelled.
- Compute Taylor Polynomials and use them to evaluate the value of a function at a point.

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>.

** For courses with alpha (letter) grading, a 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:

Worksheets	15%
Midterm Exams	2×22.5% (Tentatively Wed Oct 14, Wed Nov 25)
Final Exam	40% (During the Exam Period, Dec 12—19 Inclusive)

Note: There will be no make-up exams. If a midterm is missed for a valid reason and proper documentation is provided, then the weight of the midterm will be transferred to another component.

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	90-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89		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: We will cover most sections of Vol 1 Ch2-5, §6.1; Vol 2 §§ 6.2,6.3; and (time permitting) Vol 3 §4.3.
See “Evaluations” for tentative exam dates.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Attend all lectures and seminars. If a lecture or seminar is missed, it is the student’s responsibility to catch up on the material and obtain the missing lecture notes.

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.

Seminars/Worksheets: Worksheets will be done during the seminars and handed in at the end of the period. They are open-book; you may use notes, texts, etc, work with each other, and ask me for help. Electronic devices are allowed, but **only to access myClass or your notes or downloaded course material; no Google, Youtube, AI, etc.** Calculators are allowed, but with only a few possible exceptions, not needed.

FINAL EXAM: The final exam will be written during the exam period, between December 12 and December 19 inclusive, including Saturdays and evenings. It is the student's responsibility to be available to write the exam at the scheduled time. Writing early is not permitted.

CALCULATORS: Use of calculators is **not permitted on the exams.**