

Trigonometry

Syllabus

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The goal of the course is for you to master the correspondence between geometrical curves and algebraic relations. However, the most important goal is to develop your critical thinking, imagination, mathematical intuition, and creativity in problem-solving. This course will provide you with the tools to understand why the formulas you are using work by proving each and every one of them. It will provide the means for you to solve exercises by constructing a step-by-step proof, starting from the definition and the axioms, applying theorems and proven formulas, using the rules of mathematics. It will show you the way to come to conclusions with certainty.

CLASS INFORMATION

- **Cinemath and Class Resources:** Cinemath is used daily in this course. You can access the Cinemath page for this class by navigating to: *cinemath.archimedean.org*. You are expected to access it and use it regularly, as this is, in effect, the *textbook* for this class. In addition, I will occasionally upload notes to Archie, to supplement what we have covered in class. As with Cinemath, you are expected to access and use them to help deepen your understanding of the material.
- **Notebook:** Even though all the lecture notes are uploaded on Cinemath, you are have to take notes during class. Many studies have shown that taking notes by hand helps with long-term comprehension and retention of the material.

ASSESSMENTS

In this class, there are two types of assessments: oral and written.

- Oral assessments will be taking place every day in class with the form of questions and answers. The questions may be about material that we have already covered in the previous classes or about material that we are currently covering (for example, problems on the board that we attempt to solve in class). Every student is expected to come prepared and work to the best of his/her abilities in the class. Your performance in class will be taken into account for your participation grade of the day.
- Written assessments will occur periodically, and will take the form of homework, quizzes, and exams. Below you will find more information regarding the specific kinds of assessments.

Homework (10% of the class grade): Homework assignments are uploaded in digital form on Archie. Homework assignments assess your understanding of the class material and give you the chance to practice and prepare. Your solutions will be uploaded in Archie. You will be given approximately 1 homework assignment per week.

Participation (20% of the class grade): The participation grade reflects the extent to which you participate in class, as well as how well prepared you are. Every student is expected to participate in class, either by asking or answering questions. Every day, and at the end of every week, you will be given a participation grade. The week's grade consists of the average of the participation grades for each day and goes into the Gradebook. You will be given 1 participation grade per week.

Quiz (30% of the class grade): Quizzes cover recent material and are unannounced. The purpose of an unannounced quiz is to help you develop a flow in your study. This will help you perform better in major written assessments (tests) and will also make it easier to participate in class. You will be given approximately 1 quiz every 3 weeks.

Tests (40% of the class grade): Tests are cumulative, covering a wide range of material and will be given at least a week's notice. Tests are major written assessments which are (usually) given at the end or in the middle of a chapter. Tests have questions of increasing difficulty and assess your knowledge, understanding of the material, as well as your analytical thinking. You will be given approximately 2 tests per quarter.

NUMERICAL/LETTER GRADES

The following correspondence between numerical and letter grades will be used throughout all your assessments, as well as your class grade.

- **A** equivalent to $\cdot \geq 90\%$.
- **B** equivalent to $80\% \leq \cdot \leq 89\%$.
- **C** equivalent to $70\% \leq \cdot \leq 69\%$.
- **D** equivalent to $60\% \leq \cdot \leq 59\%$.
- **F** equivalent to $\cdot < 60\%$.

COURSE CONTENT

Although improbable, the content is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in advance, in class and via email. The course material is divided into the following 6 chapters:

Chapter 1: Unit Circle Trigonometry

Chapter 2: Trigonometric Identities

Chapter 3: Trigonometric Equations

Chapter 4: Trigonometric Functions

Chapter 5: Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Chapter 6: Polar Coordinates and Curves

COURSE POLICIES

All students are expected to comply with the rules, regulations and policies listed by the school which can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook. All of these policies will be enforced in class. Moreover, students have to comply with the following rules and course policies:

Academic Honesty: Above all else, you are expected to respect academic honesty. There will be severe consequences for the offense of cheating. Any student who will be found using notes, electronic devices, communicating with classmates or by any other means try to cheat on an assessment (written or oral) will automatically get a 0 (zero) on the specific assessment without any notice and will be referred to the administration for cheating. Furthermore, I reserve the right to deny writing a recommendation letter for summer programs and colleges or assist in any other manner students who have been found cheating.

Accommodations: The accommodations for students who are entitled to them will be honoured. During an in-class assessment, the student must inform me at least 20 minutes before the end of the assessment's time limit. For example, if an exam is scheduled to take 60 minutes, the student should inform me of the need for extra time by the forty-minute mark. In the event that a student entitled to extended time necessitates it while completing a homework assignment, he/she has to inform me, in writing, before half of the time given to complete the assignment has elapsed. For example, if you are given 6 days to complete an assignment, you must inform me no later than at the end of the third day.

Electronic Devices: The use of electronic devices (including but not limited to mobile phones, iPods, mp3 players, tablets, and laptops) is strictly prohibited in class. Prior permission has to be given by me in case you want to use your computer for educational purposes in class. The only electronic device that should be used during class is your iPad, and, of course, it should be used to take notes. In the unfortunate event that you are caught using an electronic device other than your iPad in class without permission, or using your iPad for purposes not pertaining to the class, the device will be confiscated and given to the administration.

Tardiness/Absence: Please make sure you are in class on time. I reserve the right to deny you late entry to the class unless you have the required forms from the main office or a valid note from another teacher or administrator. On time means that you are IN the classroom when the bell rings. If you are on campus but not in the classroom, you will be marked absent and you will have to provide a late pass. Please remember that you are responsible for any material you may miss, either because you were absent (including absences for school - sponsored events), tardy, denied entry to the class, or sent out of the class. As such, if for any reason you miss a class, please get the notes from a classmate and study the Cinemath lecture for the day you missed. If you study the material you missed and have questions on it, please don't hesitate to ask me after school or via email. Don't wait to ask me next time in class, because we may have a quiz and this won't be accepted as an excuse.

Class Participation: The participation grade reflects the extent to which you participate in class, as well as how well prepared you are. Every student is expected to participate in class, either by asking or answering questions. Every day, and at the end of every week, you will be given a participation grade. The week's grade consists of the average of the participation grades for each day and goes into the Gradebook. Disruptive behaviors (like talking, sleeping etc.) and behaviors leading to being asked to leave the class, will result in a participation grade of 0 (zero) for the day. You are expected to come prepared to class with your writing instruments and notebook. Coming unprepared for class will affect your participation grade for the day.

Classroom Behavior: During class, you are expected to help and promote the learning process. I will treat each student with respect, and I expect you to do the same, both to me and your classmates. You are not allowed to talk to your classmates (as this disrupts the learning process), as well as talk without first having been recognized. In case you do, your answer will not be accepted. If you want to talk, please raise your hand and I will call you. If you are disrespectful, either to me, or your classmates you will be reprimanded and/or sent out of class. Studying irrelevant material during class (including material for other classes) will result in you being sent out of class.

You are not allowed to eat absolutely anything in the classroom. You are not allowed to chew gum or any candy during class. You are not allowed to drink any beverage except for water. Your water bottle has to be on the floor and not on your desk. If you need to drink water during class, please ask for permission to step outside.

You are expected to respect the classroom and school property in general. You are not allowed to write on the desks and walls and you will be held responsible for any damage that you may cause. Unless you get prior clearance by me, you are not allowed to move desks, chairs or any other furniture. You are expected to leave the classroom clean and tidy when you leave.

Seating: Students will be assigned seats during the first week of classes. Please do not change seats without my permission. Your desk should be tidy and have only your writing instruments, your notebook, and/or iPad. Your book bag should be on the floor.

Quiz/Test Make-up: In case you miss a quiz or a test, you will make it up during the next class. It's your own responsibility to be prepared for it. Until you make up the assessment, your grade for this will be a Z which is equivalent to a 0 (zero). As soon as the make-up is graded, you will be awarded the grade for it. You will also have to provide evidence (parent/doctor's notice) for your absence. Otherwise, you may be denied the make-up and get a 0 (zero) for the assessment.

Homework Assignments: Homework assignments are uploaded in digital form on Archie (sis.archimedean.org). The solutions should be uploaded as a single file. If multiple versions/files are uploaded, only the last will be graded. If you have questions on how to upload a single file on Archie (instead of multiple versions), please ask me, a classmate, or an administrator. I won't accept a hard copy of your solutions. No exceptions.

Your solutions should be legible, otherwise they won't be graded. Your solutions should be uploaded to Archie, prior to 11:59:59 pm (23:59:59) on the due date. After that, your solutions will be graded as late (see also Late Homework Turn-in). If the due date passes and until you turn in the homework, your grade for this will be a Z which is equivalent to a 0 (zero). As soon as the homework is turned in and graded, you will be awarded the grade for it. Computers and scanners have the bad tendency to break down when homework assignments are due. In this case, you have to bring a hard copy of your homework and I will sign it. This way, your homework won't be graded as late. However, keep in mind, that your homework will only be graded when it's uploaded to Archie. Your homework assignment will be graded online and you will see your grade for this assignment in Gradebook. Normally, I will not write any notes on your solutions during the electronic grading. Should you have any questions about your grade, however, please come to me with a printed version of your homework and I will gladly discuss them with you.

You are expected to complete the homework assignments on your own, without help from your classmates or anybody else. Should you have questions on specific items on a given assignment, please ask them in class or via email. If you are found to have copied part or all of the assignment from another student, it will be considered cheating (see also Academic Honesty).

Late Homework Turn-in: Any homework assignment that will be uploaded to Archie after the due date is considered late. For each day that an assignment is late, 10% will be deducted from the maximum grade that you can get on this assignment. Any assignment that is turned in more than 9 days past the due date may receive a maximum score of 10%.

Extra Credit: Throughout the year there will be an ample number of assessments. Hence, even if you do not perform to the best of your abilities in an assessment, you will have many chances to outweigh this. Most of the quizzes and tests in this class will have extra credit questions with which you can get a higher grade than 100 % in the assessment. Because of this, no other form of extra credit will be given. No exceptions.

COURSE AGREEMENT

Course: **Trigonometry**

- I have read and understood the syllabus.
- I agree to perform to the best of my abilities in this class.
- I agree to seek extra help from my teacher when needed.
- I agree to abide by the terms and policies.

Date:

Class Section:

Name:

Signature: