

# Math 117 – Trigonometry

## Spring 2025 Syllabus Highlights

*These are highlights from the complete syllabus, which is available on the instructor's website.*

### Course Meeting Information

The Spring 2025 semester begins January 13 and ends May 9.

Section 01 meets from 12:00 to 12:50 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in room W249.

Here are some important dates.

- January 23 is the last day to withdraw and get a refund.
- May 6 is the last day to withdraw from the course without receiving a letter grade.
- The comprehensive final exam is Friday, May 9, from 12:00 to 1:50 pm.
- No late work will be accepted after May 9.

This is a face-to-face course that uses the Canvas learning management system. We will be using the Edfinity system for homework. Access to Edfinity is through Canvas.

Attendance requires both (1) physical presence with active engagement in the classroom and (2) submitting assignments. Being present but working on other things does not count as attendance. Classroom attendance is recorded to the nearest 10% of a class period (5 minutes).

Assignments will be due throughout the week and, per federal guidelines, a typical student should expect to dedicate a minimum of 9 hours per week to this course.

### Instructor Information

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The best way to contact the instructor is through Canvas or by email. Do not leave a voice mail as it will not reach the instructor in time to help.

I spend most of my office hours in the classroom before and after class. This allows me to help students with their assignments, homework, projects, exams, and questions. Students are encouraged to come to class early each day and use that time to ask questions of the instructor, work on projects, or just socialize with other students in the course.

These office hours are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

8:20–8:30 am, 9:40–10:00 am, 11:10–11:30 am, 12:30–1:00 pm, 1:50–2:00 pm, 3:10–3:20 pm

## Text

There is a textbook and an electronic homework package required for this course.

The Edfinity homework and testing system is required. Access to Edfinity is through Canvas.

- *Analytic Trigonometry with Applications, 11<sup>th</sup> edition*. Raymond Barnett, Michael Ziegler, Karl Byleen. Copyright 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0-470-64805-6. Electronic versions of the textbook are acceptable.
- *Edfinity homework and testing platform*. Required. 5 months access can be purchased in-app for \$29 or through the college bookstore.

## Grading Policy

The final grade is a weighted average of exams (72%) and homework (28%).

Letter grades will be assigned to final adjusted scores as follows:

A: 90-100%    B: 80 - 89%    C: 70-79%    D: 60-69%    F: below 60%

Final percentages will be rounded to the nearest integer before determining the final grade.

Scoring is subject to audit and may change if mistakes are found. The gradebook in Canvas may show your grade with a + or -, but the final course grade will not have these attached.

## Highlights

- Keep in communication with the instructor, especially if things get in the way of learning.
- Each section has homework in Edfinity that is due the calendar day after we finish a section, but may be turned in up to a week late with a 10% penalty.
- Any homework written work should be once the Edfinity homework is completed.
- Some exams will be taken using Edfinity and some will be taken in the classroom.
- In-class exam questions and the written homework are graded holistically using an *awesome* (105%), *good* (90%), *okay* (75%), *fair* (60%), *poor* (45%), and *none* (0%) system.
- You need to monitor and respond to your Canvas notifications and Richland email.
- Students who do not communicate with the instructor, have irregular or infrequent attendance, or are failing before midterm may be dropped from the course.
- This course makes heavy use of technology, but it is not the focus of the course.
- All work must be original and completed during the Spring 2025 semester to receive credit. Generative AI such as ChatGPT is not considered original work.
- You should expect to average spending a minimum of 9 hours per week on this course.