



MATH V46A • COURSE INFORMATION

The Course. 3 units (3 hrs lecture weekly). This is a first course in calculus; it assumes a thorough background in algebra. It covers differential calculus, integral calculus, and applications. By the end of the course, the successful student will be able to evaluate limits of functions of one variable; evaluate derivatives and integrals of functions of one variable; analyze the behavior of functions and use the analyses to graph them; and solve application problems involving derivatives and integrals. The course includes instruction in proper notation, word problems, calculator use, and emphasizes the importance of acquiring good study skills.

Class Meetings. Lecture: Monday and Wednesday 5:30–6:50 p.m. in room SCI-229.

Please turn off (or set to "vibrate" mode) all cell phones and pagers, so as not to interrupt the class.

Homework Club. Please visit during any scheduled homework club hours (note locations below), or make an appointment.

- Tutorial Center (first floor of LRC across the hall from the BEACH); Monday and Wednesday 4:00–5:30 p.m.
- Math Center (Room SCI-223); Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

These times may change, especially early in the term. Schedule updates are posted on the Web at <http://academic.venturacollege.edu/mbowen/courses/2008haru/classked.pdf>. Contact the instructor, Michael Bowen, by telephone (654-6400, ext. 1336) or by e-mail at mbowen@vccd.edu.

Prerequisites. Math V04 or Math V20 or Math V45 or equivalent. Students should know apply transformations to graph functions, analyze functions and their graphs, and analyze polynomial functions and equations. Good reading and writing skills are helpful; homework, quizzes, and the final examination may include word problems and/or essay questions.

Course Materials.

- The text is required: R. Barnett, *Calculus for Business, Economics, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences*, Tenth Edition (ISBN 0131432613). Math V46A lectures largely follow the material in chapters 1 through 8, of this text, which we shall cover in whole or in part as indicated in the homework assignments.
- Students should purchase or borrow a good calculator. The calculator must be capable of evaluating powers, roots, exponentials, and logarithms. If you already have a calculator but are not sure whether it has the necessary capabilities, please bring it and ask the instructor. *The Department of Mathematics recommends that students in this course acquire a graphing calculator, such as the TI-82, TI-83, or TI-84.*
- The Web start page for this course is <http://academic.venturacollege.edu/mbowen/courses/2008haru/m46a.shtml>.

Grading and Drop Policies. Please see the accompanying **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING** document, which is expressly incorporated and made a part of this **COURSE INFORMATION** document by reference. It is the student's responsibility to remember drop deadlines and regulations. The various drop deadlines for this semester are listed under **IMPORTANT DATES** below.

IMPORTANT DATES

Student holidays	...	21 January, 15–18 February, and 14–23 March 2008
Last day to add a class	...	Friday 18 January (or Sunday 20 January via Webstar) 2008
Last day for full refunds	...	Friday 18 January (or Sunday 20 January via Webstar) 2008
Last day for partial refunds (nonresident tuition only)	...	Friday 1 February 2008
Drop deadline (no "W")	...	Friday 1 February 2008
Credit/No Credit request deadline	...	Friday 8 February 2008
Drop deadline (no "F")	...	Friday 18 April 2008
Final Examination	...	Room SCI-229, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Monday 12 May 2008

All **COURSE INFORMATION** is subject to change without notice. Please refer questions directly to your instructor.