ROWAN UNIVERSITY Department of Mathematics

Syllabus Math 01.122 Pre-Calculus Mathematics

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Math 01.122 Pre-Calculus Mathematics 4 s.h.

This course helps prepare students for Calculus I. The contents include: exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric functions (including their inverses and related functions). Graphs of functions also are studied. A graphing calculator is required. Students are expected to have completed an equivalent of Basic Algebra II.

OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of the course the students will be able to:

- 1. Manipulate and evaluate algebraic, exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric functions.
- 2. Graph linear and quadratic functions, including those describing the conic sections, in both rectangular and polar coordinates.
- 3. Graph algebraic, exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric function.

DELIVERY, EVALUATION AND GRADING PROCEDURES:

Standard lectures, demonstrations (especially with a graphing calculator), and examination.

TEXT:

PRECALCULUS: Contemporary Precalculus: A graphing Approach w/CD & Info Trac, Harcourt, 5th Edition, 2009

Chapters 1 & 2 (1.5 weeks) Functions and Their Graphs

Topics include linear and quadratic functions, graphs, composite functions, inverse functions, and parametric equations.

Chapter 3: (2 weeks) Polynomial Functions

Graphs of polynomial functions, real zeros, rational zeros and complex zeros of polynomials.

Chapter 4: (2 weeks) Rational Functions and Functions Involving Radicals

Asymptotes and graphs of rational functions, equations and inequalities with rational functions.

Chapter 5: (1.5 weeks) Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

Topics include exponential and logarithmic functions, compound interest, and growth and decay.

Chapter 6: (2.5 weeks) Trigonometric Functions

Angle measurement, basic definitions of trig functions, and computing values of trig functions, graphs of the 6 trig functions.

Chapter 7: (2.5 weeks) Analytic Trigonometry

Inverse trig functions, trig identities, sum and difference formulas, double and half angle formulas, and trig equations are covered.

Chapter 8: (1 week) More Applications of Trigonometry

The Law of Sines and Cosines, areas of triangle, DeMoivre's Theorem.

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