**BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**of the City University of New York**

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**SYLLABUS: MTH 30 - Precalculus (4 Credits - 4 Hours per week)**

**Prerequisite: MTH 6 or equivalent, and if required ENG 2 and RDL 2**

**TEXT: Precalculus Essentials (Fifth Edition) by Robert Blitzer, Pearson**

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This course is a **Pathways Core B (Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning) Course**:  
A course in this area must meet all of the following learning outcomes. A student will:

1. Interpret and draw appropriate inferences from quantitative representations, such as formulas, graphs, or tables.
2. Use algebraic, numerical, graphical, or statistical methods to draw accurate conclusions and solve mathematical problems.
3. Represent quantitative problems expressed in natural language in a suitable mathematical format.
4. Effectively communicate quantitative analysis or solutions to mathematical problems in written or oral form.
5. Evaluate solutions to problems for reasonableness using a variety of means, including informed estimation.
6. Apply mathematical methods to problems in other fields of study.

**Course Learning Outcomes (Pathways Learning Outcomes contributed to)**

On successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Solve factorable polynomials equations and inequalities of at least 3rd degree in one real variable and 2nd degree rational equations and inequalities in one real variable (b, c, e)
2. Graph polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, sine and cosine functions (b, d, e, f)
3. Verify trigonometric identities and solve trigonometric equations (b, d)
4. Employ transformations of functions algebraically and graphically as problem-solving tools (b, c)
5. Compute inverse functions and use their properties to obtain more precise algebraic  and graphical information about the corresponding original functions (a, b, c)
6. Demonstrate fluency with function notation and operations on functions including composition (b, c)
7. Identify whether a given graph or algebraic relation represents a function and analyze it to determine its particular properties such as domain and range, end behavior, asymptotes, and periodicity (a, c, d)
8. Form models to apply them in the solution of real-world problems such as involving exponential growth and decay and optimization in finance, biology, chemistry, or physics (a, b, c, d, e, f)

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