

# Unit 12 Project Calculus

Content Area: **Mathematics**  
Course(s): **AP Calculus BC**  
Time Period: **June**  
Length: **Approximately 15 blocks**  
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## Transfer Skills

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In this unit students will explore an appreciation of mathematics and calculus as a coherent body of knowledge. Students will complete various projects covering the AP Calculus exam, communicating calculus, and extending calculus to real life. Students will work in groups throughout this unit.

## Enduring Understandings

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Calculus develops one's understanding of the concepts of functions, graphs, limits, derivatives and integrals and provides experience with its methods and applications.

Mathematical ideas interconnect and build on one another to produce a coherent whole.

## Essential Questions

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How can calculus be used to solve problems in business, economics, biology, and physics?

How is calculus the mathematics of change?

How are the integral and derivative related and to what real world application problems do they provide the answer?

## Content

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### Red Hot Topics:

\*Google Docs

\*Google Sheets

\*Google Slides

\*Limits

\* Derivatives

\* Integrals

\*Algebra skills

## **Skills**

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Apply knowledge of calculus: including limits, derivatives, and integrals to solve practical applications.

Use software such as Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides

Summarize their calculus knowledge in their own words.

Develop an appreciation of mathematics as a coherent body of knowledge and human accomplishment.

## **Resources**

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Single Variable Calculus with Vector Functions by James Stewart

AP Calculus BC AP Central at collegeboard.com

Khan Academy: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

## **Standards**

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Mathematical Practice For AP Calculus 1: Reasoning with Definitions and Theorems

- Use definitions and theorems to build arguments,
- Justify conclusions or answers, and prove results;

- Confirm that hypotheses have been satisfied in order to apply the conclusion of a theorem;
- Apply definitions and theorems in the process of solving a problem; interpret quantifiers in definitions and theorems;
- Develop conjectures based on exploration with technology;
- Produce examples and counterexamples to clarify understanding of definitions, to investigate whether converses of theorems are true or false, or to test conjectures.

#### Mathematical Practice For AP Calculus 2: Connecting Concepts

- Relate the concept of a limit to all aspects of calculus;
- Use the connection between concepts (e.g., rate of change and accumulation) or processes (e.g., differentiation and its inverse process antidifferentiation) to solve problems;
- Connect concepts to their visual representations with and without technology;
- Identify a common underlying structure in problems involving different contextual situations.

#### Mathematical Practice For AP Calculus 3: Implementing algebraic/computational processes

- Select appropriate mathematical strategies;
- Sequence algebraic/computational procedures logically;
- Complete algebraic/computational processes correctly;
- Apply technology strategically to solve problems; attend to precision graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally and specify units of measure;
- Connect the results of algebraic/computational processes to the question asked.

#### Mathematical Practice For AP Calculus 4: Building notational fluency

- Know and use a variety of notations (e.g.,  $f'(x)$ ,  $y'$ ,  $dy/dx$ );
- Connect notation to definitions (e.g., relating the notation for the definite integral to that of the limit of a Riemann sum);
- Connect notation to different representations (graphical, numerical, analytical, and verbal);
- Assign meaning to notation, accurately interpreting the notation in a given problem and across different contexts.

#### Mathematical Practice For AP Calculus 5: Connecting Multiple Representations

- Associate tables, graphs, and symbolic representations of functions;
- Develop concepts using graphical, symbolical, or numerical representations with and without technology;
- identify how mathematical characteristics of functions are related in different representations;
- Extract and interpret mathematical content from any presentation of a function (e.g., utilize information from a table of values);
- Construct one representational form from another (e.g., a table from a graph or a graph from given information);
- Consider multiple representations of a function to select or construct a useful representation for solving a problem.

#### Mathematical Practice For AP Calculus 6: Communicating

- Clearly present methods, reasoning, justifications, and conclusions;
- Use accurate and precise language and notation;
- Explain the meaning of expressions, notation, and results in terms of a context (including units);

- Explain the connections among concepts;
- Critically interpret and accurately report information provided by technology;
- Analyze, evaluate, and compare the reasoning of others