

MA15300 Spring 2012

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- Office Hours: **Fridays 11:30-1:30 in MATH 205**. (You are encouraged to go to MATH 205 at other times as well)
- Course Website: **www.math.purdue.edu/ma153**

Course Ground Rules

- **We will now briefly go over course policies. Keep in mind, going over this information during class does not replace your responsibility to read and understand all policies/procedures on the Ground Rules.**
- **To view the Assignment Sheet, Schedule, and Ground Rules go to the course website:**
www.math.purdue.edu/ma153
- **ALWAYS check the course website FIRST when searching for class information.**

Attendance Policy

- Attend every class (including reviews)
- Have all homework completed
- Be on time
- Stay the duration of the class
- Take notes
- Ask questions
- Be respectful.

Online Homework

- All homework is online through WebAssign.
- Registration (do this **TODAY!!**):
 - Go to www.math.purdue.edu/ma153
 - Click on “WebAssign Quick Guide” under the “Online Homework” section and follow the instructions.
- Two-week grace period during which no payment is required.
- Online homework is due 12 hours after the beginning of the next class period.
- 10% bonus is given for homework problems correctly completed before the next class.
- Four lowest HW scores dropped automatically

Online Homework (continued)

- You can log out and come back to assignments later. Those you got right stay right. Answers will be shown after the due date/time.

You can attempt each problem up to 100 times without penalty before the due date

- Exception: multiple-choice questions
 - Score penalty after one incorrect answer for problems with only two choices.
 - Score penalty after two incorrect answers for problems with three or more choices.
- Online homework is scaled to 50 total points at the end of the semester.
- **THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENTS**

Advice Regarding Homework

- Complete each assignment before the next class period so you will be prepared for the quizzes and you can receive the early submission bonus. With multiple attempts and the early submission bonus, there is no reason that you should not receive at least 100% on each homework assignment.
- Use Mozilla Firefox as your web browser when working on WebAssign. Problems have been reported when using WebAssign with other web browsers.
- Complete all homework problems on paper, before entering your solutions on WebAssign.

Daily Score

- The daily score will be a short quiz covering the material from the previous class. Quizzes will cover material **before** the homework due dates.
- First quiz is this Friday (covers Lessons 1 and 2).
- **THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES OR EARLY QUIZZES**
- Each student's four lowest quizzes are automatically dropped at the end of the semester. Written documentation is needed for a fifth (or more) to be excused.
- Daily scores are scaled to a total of 100 points at the end of the semester.

Exams

Write these down NOW!

- Exam 1: Thursday, February 2 at 8:00pm in the Elliot Hall of Music
- Exam 2: Tuesday, February 28 at 8:00pm in the Elliot Hall of Music
- Exam 3: Thursday, April 5 at 6:30pm in the Elliot Hall of Music
- If you miss an exam, contact the course coordinator (Patrick Devlin, pdevlin@purdue.edu) ***immediately.***

Calculator Policy

- Only a one-line, non-programmable scientific calculator may be used on quizzes and exams.
- Any make, brand, or model is fine, as long as it has only one line of display and is non-programmable.
- No two-line calculators, graphing calculators, cell phones, iPods, or anything else can be used on quizzes and exams.
- Recommended is the TI-30Xa (approx. \$10 in the bookstore).
- If unsure, please ASK!

Academic Adjustments

(Instructor must read)

- Students who have been certified by the Office of the Dean of Students-Disability Resource Center as eligible for academic adjustments should go to MATH 242 with a copy of their certification letter and request a copy of the Information Sheet for their course. Certification letters should be filed during the first week of classes or as soon as students receive their letters.
- The course Information Sheet explains how to proceed this semester to get adjustments made in your mathematics course. It may not be the same as last semester.
- Only students who have been certified by the ODOS-Disability Resource Center and who have requested the DRC to send their certification letters to their instructors are eligible for academic adjustments.
- Students who are currently undergoing an evaluation process to determine whether they are eligible for academic adjustments, are encouraged to find out now what procedures they will have to follow when they are certified, by requesting an Information Sheet from MATH 242.
- Large print copies of the Information Sheet are available from MATH 242 upon request.
- Again, if unsure, ASK!

University Grief Policy

- In the unfortunate event of the loss of a loved one, students should contact the Office of the Dean of Students to request that a notice of his or her leave be sent to instructors. The student will provide documentation of the death or funeral service attended to the ODOS. Given proper documentation, the instructor will excuse the student from class and provide the opportunity to earn equivalent credit and to demonstrate evidence of meeting the learning outcomes for missed assignments or assessments. If the student is not satisfied with the implementation of this policy by a faculty member, he or she is encouraged to contact the Department Head and if necessary, the ODOS, for further review of his or her case. In a case where grades are negatively affected, the student may follow the established grade appeals process.

Grades

- 100 points for each regular exam, 200 points for final exam, 50 points for online homework, 100 points for daily scores (quizzes)
- Procedure for assigning course grades outlined in Ground Rules.
- The only way to earn bonus points is to correctly submit homework problems early. There is no extra credit given in any section. Your final grade is based solely on the points earned.

Add/Section Changes

- Week 1: Use advisor or MyPurdue
- 2nd week on: You must see the Course Coordinator.
 - Patrick Devlin
 - MATH 804
 - Office hours available on course website
www.math.purdue.edu/ma153
- Your instructor **CANNOT** sign any drop/add forms; you **MUST** see the course coordinator to have those forms signed.

Cheating Policy

- Short version: Don't cheat.
- Long version:
- **Cheating is not tolerated! Grade penalties will always be imposed by the department. All cheating cases will also be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action (probation, suspension, expulsion).**

Advice on Succeeding in MA153

- Come to class **EVERY** meeting and do the appropriate homework assignments **BEFORE** the next class.
- Actively participate during lectures. Mathematics is **NOT** a spectator sport!
- MATH 205 is the help room for math questions. Schedule available online starting week 2 (open during week 1).
- Visit office hours regularly to get help with concepts from lessons, and to get individual questions answered. (My office hours are on Fridays 11:30-1:30 in MATH 205.)

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- Tutors are available for hire. Obtain a “tutor list” from the MA 153 website
www.math.purdue.edu/ma153
- Online video lessons are available on the course website to help supplement class lessons.
- Free evening tutoring links are also available on the course website. Link on the MA 153 web page will be provided.
- Supplemental Instruction. Peer assisted learning program (www.purdue.edu/sats/si)