Grading: Total score available for course is 600 points.

**Daily Score:** 100 pts
A daily score will be taken in one of two ways each class period:

1) A short, written (paper-and-pencil) quiz prepared and graded by
the instructor: 10 pts possible for each. These quizzes will cover
material that has been mastered by at least 75% of the class according
to ALEKS.

2) For each student attending the class, the average number of hours
per week spent working on ALEKS will be determined by the
instructor. This number will be rounded to the nearest whole number
to produce the daily score. Maximum number of points: 10.

The lowest 4 daily scores will be dropped at the end of the semester.

**Midterm Exams:** 100 pts each
Three midterm exams will be done as assessments on ALEKS. These
assessments will take place in the classroom with no notes used and no help
given by the instructor.
These will take place:
- Monday, February 9, 2004 (during week 5)
- Wednesday, March 10, 2004 (during week 9)
- Friday, April 16, 2004 (during week 13)

For exam 1, **a score of 50% or higher** on ALEKS will be considered a
perfect score resulting in 100 points for that midterm exam.
For exam 2, **a score of 70% or higher** on ALEKS will be considered a
perfect score resulting in 100 points for that midterm exam.
For exam 3, **a score of 90% or higher** on ALEKS will be considered a
perfect score resulting in 100 points for that midterm exam.

ALEKS scores below that considered perfect will be given a midterm grade
equal to the percentage the score is of the minimum perfect score. For example, a
student who scores 45% on ALEKS for the first exam will receive 90 points since
45/50 is equivalent to 90%.
If a student misses a midterm exam for a valid reason, a make–up will take place during the following class period.

**Final Exam:** 200 pts
This exam will take place during finals week at the time set by the university. It will be a two–hour, 30 question, paper–and–pencil, multiple choice exam.

To get to ALEKS online, you need to use the following URL:

http://www.highedmath.aleks.com

Click on the blue box "Register with ALEKS" and then (on the next screen) click on the left "Register" button at the bottom of the screen in order to register as a student. On the next screen you will to click on "I ACCEPT" to state that you accept the terms of the agreement for using the ALEKS system and then you will be taken to the login screen where you will need to type in the course code for this class:

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As a guideline for students, the following schedule of mastering objectives in the ALEKS syllabus is suggested for the student to be able to master all the objectives by the end of this course:

75 of 163 objectives mastered by the end of the second week, with 7 (seven) additional objectives mastered for every week following the second (resulting in 159 objectives mastered by the end of the fourteenth week).

Students who master all 163 objectives in ALEKS early will be given the option of taking a proctored assessment with ALEKS and, should they obtain a score of at least 95% on it —they would be excused from all remaining daily scores.

As a guideline to the content and type of final exam that will be given, a list of practice problems as well as midterm exams from several past semesters are available online at

http://www.math.purdue.edu/MA111