

Class Period: Students are expected to attend every class meeting and to read the appropriate sections of the text before coming to class. Your instructor may not have time to cover every topic in class.

Homework: Homework will be completed and graded on the Web. The assignment sheet contains the list of book problems on which your actual graded homework problems are based. The computer will assign you a unique set of problems for each assignment, each of which will have the same wording as the corresponding problem in the book, but with the numbers specifically created for you (these will not change if you logout and then log back in). Log in to the homework system (link from the course page) to obtain your personal problems and to submit your answers. Each assignment has to be completed (i.e. you must input and submit your answers to all the problems in that assignment) by 11:59 pm on the day listed on the pull down menu. The two lowest homework scores will not be counted. To have more than two homework scores not counted will require acceptable justification for all missed assignments.

Quizzes: A quiz will be given at least twice a week throughout the semester, starting with the third class, Friday, 8/24/07. There will be no quizzes the last week of the semester. No make-up quizzes will be given for any reason. The two lowest quiz grades will not be counted. To have more than two quiz grades not counted will require acceptable justification for all missed quizzes.

Exams: There are three multiple-choice evening exams scheduled his semester. **(Mark them on your calendar.)**

Exam 1: Tuesday, September 18th, Starting at 8:30 pm, Hall of Music

Exam 2: Thursday, October 18th, Starting at 6:30 pm, Hall of Music

Exam 3: Wednesday, November 28th, Starting at 6:00 pm, Hall of Music

Missing an Exam: If you miss an exam for any reason, contact the course coordinator, Tim Delworth, immediately. Make-up exams can only be approved **in writing** by Tim Delworth (MATH 444, 494-7914, delworth@math.purdue.edu). Make-up exams will be allowed for valid reasons with *no grade penalty*. For non-valid reasons, a make-up *may* be allowed with a *grade penalty* of 20 points being deducted from the student's earned score. Not knowing the right date, time or location of an exam is NOT a valid reason.

Academic Conflict: If you have an academic conflict with an evening exams (e.g. another exam or class at the same time) you must let the Tim Delworth know no later than two business days before the exam takes place.

Emergency: If you have an emergency situation that will prevent you from attending an evening exam you must contact the course coordinator by telephone or in person (not by voice mail or e-mail) no later than 2:00 PM on the day of the exam. Extenuating circumstances that prevent you from contacting the course coordinator (by phone or in person) in a timely manner will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

20-Minute Rule: No one is allowed to leave the exam site for the first 20 minutes of the exam. After that time, no one is allowed to enter the exam site and take the exam. Students arriving after 20 minutes will be allowed to take the make-up exam. If they arrived late for a non-valid reason, a grade penalty of 20 points will be deducted from the make-up exam score. If you miss the exam and the make-up exam, you will receive a score of 0 for that exam.

Make-up Exams: Make-up exams will be given only once for each midterm exam, on the following dates and times:

MAKE-UP EXAM 1: Friday, September 21st, Starting at 6:00 pm, Location TBA

MAKE-UP EXAM 2: Friday, October 26th, Starting at 6:00 pm, Location TBA

MAKE-UP EXAM 3: Date, Time, and Location TBA

For each evening exam there will be one class period for which attendance is not required; however, it will not be cancelled: it will be a no-attendance-required help session for the exam.

To prepare for the midterm exams, students should review all of the material covered by their homework assignments, quizzes and the announced review problems. Past exams (available online) are a source of additional review problems and can also give students a rough idea of the length and difficulty level of their own exams. However, many students have the mistaken impression that just by reviewing some past exams they will have seen all that is expected of them for their own exams. Past exams should absolutely not be used as a guide to the exact content and wording of the exams.

The final exam is a 30-question, multiple-choice exam, given during the sixteenth week of the semester. Students may get a set of practice questions for the final online.

THE SEMESTER ENDS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 9:00 PM. THE DATE AND TIME OF YOUR MATH FINAL WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER THIS SEMESTER. NO ALTERNATE WILL BE ALLOWED IF YOU PLAN TO LEAVE EARLY. PLAN TO BE ON CAMPUS TO TAKE YOUR FINAL EXAM.

Calculators: A **single-line** TI-30 is the only calculator allowed on quizzes and exams. Calculators may not be shared.

Office Hours: Any student can get help from any of the instructors during their office hours. You are strongly urged to go to someone's office hours if you have questions. MATH 205 is a help room and is open most of the day.

Academic Adjustments: Students who have been certified by the Office of the Dean of Students-Adaptive Programs as eligible for **academic adjustments** should go to MATH 242 with a copy of their certification letter and request an *Information Sheet* for **this** semester that explains how to proceed this semester to get these adjustments made in Mathematics courses. It is not the same as last semester. **This should be done during the first week of classes.** Only students who have been certified by the ODOS-Adaptive Programs and who have requested ODOS to send their certification letter to their instructor 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 the above mentioned Information Sheet from MATH 242. Large print copies of the *Information Sheet* are available in MATH 242.

Grades: Homework and quizzes are worth 100 points (50 points each), each evening exam is worth 100 points, and the final is worth 200 points. At the end of the semester, each student's course grade is calculated using her *total points*. The course grades are calculated as follows: Letter grade cut-offs are determined for the four common exams combined. Then, your instructor determines the number of each letter grade her students earned based on their four exam scores. Next, your instructor lists all of her students' total points (out of the 600 total points available), in numerical order, highest first. (Those students who do not have grades on all 4 exams are not included in this list.) If ten of her students receive an A according to the four-exam cut-offs, the first 10 students on the list of total points will automatically receive an A as their final grade in the course, and so on down the list for the other grades. Further, students within four points of a grade cut-off (based on the 600 total points available) will automatically be raised to the higher grade. Students who are between five and twelve points of a grade cut-off are considered borderline cases. If the grade obtained on the final exam or in the four-exam composite is at least as good as the higher one in the borderline, the course grade will be raised; **otherwise it will not**. Exam score will be assessable from a link from the course web page.

Changing Sections or Adding the Course:

First week of the semester: See your Academic Advisors for assistance. Only your academic advisor can add you to the class during this time.

Starting the second week of the semester: Students add the course and make section changes by seeing Tim Delworth in Math 444, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 10:00 am. If you have a conflict with these hours, email Tim Delworth, delworth@math.purdue.edu, or call him, 49-47914. **During this time, Tim Delworth is the only person authorized to sign add forms or a section change forms for MA 154.** The last day to change sections is Wednesday, October 24th.

Dropping the Course: Tim Delworth (MATH 444), or the person behind the desk in Math 835, can sign drop forms. The last day to drop the class is Wednesday, October 24th. The Math Department always assigns a W, not a WF, for all drops during the first nine weeks of the semester.

Make sure that you are **sitting in the section that you are registered to attend**. Zeros will be recorded for all scores if you are attending the wrong section. **Check your schedule on SSINFO right now! You might be surprised.**

Changing to a lower math course: Students are allowed to drop back into MA 153 through September 20th, without restriction. Such students need a signature from their academic advisor and from Cari VanTuinen, MATH 448, Monday through Friday, 10:30 am to 12:30 am. If you have a conflict with these hours, leave a message in MATH 835. You must obtain these signatures by September 20th at 4:00 PM. **After September 20th, only under extenuating circumstances will any student be allowed to register for MA 153. They will need the authorization of the Department Head, Professor Rodrigo Bañuelos.** Such students should contact their academic advisors for possible alternatives.

Cheating: The Mathematics Department will not tolerate cheating of any sort. Grade penalties will always be imposed by the Department. All cheating cases will also be reported to the Dean of Students Office for disciplinary action (probation, suspension, or expulsion).

POSSIBLE CAMPUS EMERGENCY:

In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, exam dates and grading procedures are subject to changes due to a revised semester calendar or other circumstances. Contact Tim Delworth if you have questions.