

Math 460: Fall 2007

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Office: MATH 622, 494-1974. Office hours Monday and Wednesday 1:00-2:00. In addition, MA 731 is reserved Monday evenings 7:00-9:00 (PM), for the benefit of informal gatherings of the class. (If these times are not convenient, feel free to make appointments with me.)

Website: <http://www.math.purdue.edu/~drasin/site//Courses> (then click on MATH 460)

Grading: The homework will be 150 points, quizzes 100 points, two midterms @ 100 points each, and 100 points on the final.

I expect that an A will require 90 % of the maximum points, B 80%, C 70% and D 60%.

Quizzes: These will be most Thursdays, and will cover reading assignments. The first quiz is Thursday August 23, and will cover material discussed in the first lecture and assignment given at that class.

Homework: Homework will be collected on Tuesday at class. Because of the size of the class and the need to carefully read work, not all problems can be graded, and late homework will *not* be accepted; however, if an assignment is missed because of an important reason (such as illness) you may be excused from the assignment. It would be helpful if you could arrange to have homework put in my mailbox (6th floor mathematics building) before the assignment is due, or handed in by a colleague during class time, should you be unable to attend a Tuesday class.

Problems will be graded on a scale of 0-5 points for each problem. As a courtesy to the grader, we ask that the work be done neatly, the problems done in order, and the pages be stapled in order. (Some points may be deleted if these conditions are not met.)

Students are encouraged to collaborate on the homework, but your solution must be in your own phrasing and words. Students are encouraged to present solutions to the more challenging problems to the rest of the class.

You are welcome to discuss your performances in quizzes, tests and homework with me.

Warning: The homework is not routine; you should not leave it to the last minute.

Make-up exams: Please notify me in advance if there are problems making an exam; we can often make alternative arrangements. A missed exam without a serious excuse (doctor's note, for example) will be translated to a grade of zero.

Students with disabilities: 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 and Information Sheet for this semester, which explains the procedure to have appropriate adjustments in mathematics classes. This should be done in 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 the 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 investigate the required procedures after certification, by requesting this information sheet in MATH 242.

Large–print copies of the Information sheet are available in MATH 242 upon request.