

OCTOBER 20

RE: MA15900 CALCULATOR POLICY, DO NOT IGNORE

****BIG CHANGE...**

****KNOW THE MA15900 CALCULATOR POLICY. THERE ARE NO REASONABLE EXCUSES NOT TO KNOW IT.**

RE: MA15900 Calculator Policy for quizzes and exams

Note: Although I have designed this Thursday's quiz to be reasonable without a calculator, this policy applies to this Thursday's Quiz 15 and until the end of the semester.

(Recommended: TI-30XA calculator).

*******MA15900 Calculator Policy(READ VERY CAREFULLY)**

*****Last semester at exam 3, some students were forced to take the exam without a calculator because all they brought was an illegal 2-line calculator or programmable data device. Make sure that does not happen to you.**

****Now that Exam 2 is over you may begin to use 1-line scientific calculator on quizzes and exams. My recommendation is the basic/simple, one-line, TI-30XA calculator. If you do not already have one, get one this week at Walmart, Target, etc.**

NOTE: Be careful, there is also a not allowed, illegal for this course, two-line calculator in the TI-30 calculator family, do not buy that one.

****To be extra clear... A calculator that allows you to type in an expression on one line and gives you the answer on a second line is an illegal two-line calculator for MA15900 and is therefore not allowed on quizzes and exams. To repeat 2-line calculators are illegal for MA15900 quizzes and exams. All 1-line calculators have a very small and skinny, 1-line rectangular area in which to type and receive answers on the same line.**

*****SEE THE LINK "Calculators Good and Bad" for visual pictures of legal and illegal calculators.**

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******The calculator policy is also detailed on the MA15900 Ground Rules and at the top of the Assignment Sheet located on the webpage (www.math.purdue.edu/MA15900)**

TO BE EXTRA, EXTRA, CLEAR...(okay, this is a bit much)

*******Remember: no graphing calculators, no multiple line calculators, no electronic data devices, and no programmable calculators are ever allowed on quizzes or exams.**

*****If you have any questions about what constitutes a legal calculator, please ask me now or very soon. The best times to catch me in my office(MATH 812) on most normal days are Mon, Wed, Friday 8:30am to 11am & 12:30pm to 1:30pm or on Tues & Thurs 9:30am to 11:30am. Other times are fine, but those are the best times to catch me. Before or after lectures are also good times to ask me if your calculator is okay or not.**

Best,

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