

E-mail messages, Spring 2011

Message 1

Hello!

You are enrolled in MA 15200 for this spring semester. Day classes begin on Monday, January 10th and meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for most weeks. The Tuesday evening class has its first class meeting on Tuesday, January 11th at 6:00 PM. Vacation days are Martin Luther King Observance (January 17th) and Spring Break (March 14th – March 19th). Classes do not meet on those days. The semester ends on Saturday, May 7th at 9 PM. Do not make travel plans to leave at the end of the semester until you are sure when your final exams take place. Students are not allowed to take the 15200 final early.

Very important: The textbook is a **consumable** custom-made book and is shrink-wrapped with a MyMathLab student kit that allows you to register for the online homework. Do not purchase a book from someone who previously took the class. Their copy will not have a new MyMathLab kit. Textbooks can be purchased from either University or Follett's Bookstores or online from one of those bookstores only. This book is a consumable product. You will not be able to sell it back to a bookstore or to another student. Please let me know as soon as possible if the bookstores are out of these books. **Students who have previously used this textbook do not need to purchase a new textbook or MyMathLab student kit.**

Daily attendance in class is extremely important. Most students do not succeed in this class if they do not attend. You also will miss out on some announcements, homework hints, exam information, and important lesson examples, if you miss class.

Later this week, I will be sending you the ground rules for the class, the class schedule, and the assignment list (all documents are part of the syllabus). These documents will also be found next week on the course web page at www.math.purdue.edu/MA15200 for day classes or www.math.purdue.edu/MA15200X for the Tuesday evening class.

For this course you will need the following. A textbook with the MyMathLab kit is essential (a hard copy will also be available in the Hicks undergraduate library reference section). You also need a **TI-30XA calculator**. (This is a change in calculator policy from previous semesters. Only this calculator will be allowed for this class.) You also need some loose-leaf paper for homework and quizzes, a 3-ring binder to organize all your documents (or use the binder with the textbook), the usual pencils and erasers, a few sheets of graph paper, an optional 3-hole punch, and an optional straight edge. I have attached a picture of a TI-30XA calculator. The bookstores should have a display of the calculators close to the textbook.

Check your Purdue email account regularly this week for other messages. The information for contacting me is below.