

MARCH 3

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 Tuesday's quiz to be reasonable without a calculator, this policy applies to this Tuesday's Quiz 14 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 Monday through Friday are 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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