

Class Period: To be successful in an online course, students need to be self-motivated, independent, and able to stay on schedule. Students are expected to watch each of the recorded lessons in Blackboard and complete the online homework assignments on time. Working ahead is encouraged.

Homework: Homework will be completed and graded online in WebAssign. The assignment sheet contains the list of book problems on which your actual graded homework problems are based. Each assignment has to be completed by 10:00 PM EDT on the day listed on the pull down menu. All homework assignments will be graded on a 20 point scale. There is a 10% bonus for **most** assignments that are completed 14 hours early. 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: There are no quizzes in the online version of MA 15400.

Exams: There are three, 75-minute, multiple-choice evening exams scheduled this semester.

Exam 1: Tuesday, September 18th, starting at 8:00 pm, Location TBA, covers Lessons 1-11.

Exam 2: Thursday, October 18th, starting at 8:00 pm, Location TBA, covers Lessons 12-22.

Exam 3: Tuesday, November 13th, starting at 8:00 pm, Location TBA, covers Lessons 23-32.

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 814, 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. The sooner you contact Mr. Delworth the better.

Academic Conflict: If you have an academic conflict with an evening exam (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 as soon as possible. If you wait too long to make contact, options are limited.

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: Friday, November 16th, starting at 6:00 pm, Location TBA

Since this is an online course, there is no class time to cancel before each 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 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.

Final Exam: The Final Exam is a 30-question, multiple-choice exam, given during finals week. The Final Exam covers all the lessons evenly, and does not emphasize the material after Exam 3 over the previous material. A practice final exam will be available online.

Calculators: A one-line, TI-30XAscientific calculator, is the only calculator allowed on exams. No other calculator is allowed.

THE SEMESTER ENDS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT 9:00 PM. THE DATE AND TIME OF YOUR MATH FINAL WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER THIS SEMESTER. PLAN TO BE ON CAMPUS TO TAKE YOUR FINAL EXAM.

Office Hours:

Mr. Delworth is available in MATH 814, MTWF, 8:30 am to 10:30 am and on Thursdays from 8:30 am to 10:00 am to help anyone.

Math Help Room: MATH 205 is open MTWR 10:30 to 5:30 and Friday 10:30 to 2:30.

Academic Adjustments: The Department of Mathematics offers alternative testing environments for students who are registered with the Disability Resource Center. Students who need accommodations must deliver a copy of their Accommodation Notification Memorandum to the Undergraduate Services Office (MATH 242) and request an information sheet for their course. Memorandums should be delivered to the Undergraduate Services Office (MATH 242) within one week of receipt from the Disability Resource Center. The Information Sheet explains the process for receiving exam accommodations for your mathematics course. Enlarged copies of the information sheets are available upon request. Students currently undergoing evaluation through the Disability Resource Center should also request an information sheet from the Undergraduate Services Office (MATH242).

Grades: Homework is worth 100 points, each evening exam is worth 100 points, and the final is worth 200 points, for a total of 600 points. Student course grades are calculated as follows:

1. Letter grade cut-offs are determined by the course coordinator for the four common exams (500 points possible)
2. Each instructor determines the number of each letter grade his students earned based on their four exam scores.
3. Each instructor then lists students in numerical order, from highest to lowest, using the 600 total points possible.
 - a. If ten students receive an A, according to the four-exam cut-offs, the first 10 students, on the list of total points, receive an A as their course final grade, and so on down the list for the other grades. The score of the last student for each grade is the cut-off score for that grade.
 - b. The grades of students within 4 points of a cut-off are raised to that grade.
 - c. The grades of students between 5 and 12 points of a cut-off are raised to that grade with a minus.
 - d. The grades of students between 13 and 21 points of a grade cut-off have a plus added to their grade.

For example: Students within 4 points of the cutoff for an A receive an A. Students between 5 and 12 points of the cutoff for an A, receive an A-. Students between 13 and 21 points of the cutoff for an A, receive a B+. Since there is no F+, students more than 12 points from the cutoff for a D receive an F.

Changing Sections or Adding the Course:

First week of the semester: Go to MyPurdue or see your academic advisor to add the class or change sections.

Starting the second week of the semester: See Tim Delworth in Math 814, MTWF, 8:30 am to 10:30 am and on Thursdays from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. If you have a conflict with these hours, email delworth@math.purdue.edu.

Starting the second week of the semester, Tim Delworth is the only person authorized to sign add forms or a section change forms for MA 15400. The **last day** to change sections is Wednesday, October 24th.

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 MyPurdue right now! You might be surprised.

Dropping the Course: Tim Delworth, MATH 814, 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 assigns a W, not a WF, for all drops up to the last day to drop a class.

Changing to a lower math course:

Students are allowed to drop back into MA 15300 through Tuesday, September 25th, by obtaining a signature from Patrick Devlin, MATH 804, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Monday through Friday. If you have a conflict with these hours, leave a message in MATH 835. You must obtain his signature by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 25th. After this time, only under extenuating circumstances, and with the authorization of the Mathematics Department Head, will students be allowed to register for MA 15300.

Cheating: The Mathematics Department does not ignore or tolerate cheating. Grade penalties are always imposed and all cheating cases are 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, deadlines, and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances beyond the instructor's control. To receive information about changes in this course, go to the course web page, math.purdue.edu/MA15400, email the Course Coordinator, Tim Delworth delworth@math.purdue.edu, or call 494-7914.