Advice for succeeding in MA 15300Y

1. Spend time every day working on the course (reading content, watching videos, doing homework, preparing for exams, etc.). Do not wait until the last minute to complete homework assignments or to begin preparing for exams.

2. Complete every homework assignment; this the best way to prepare for exams. Also, make sure that you are able to solve every homework problem on your own. If you receive help with any of the questions from a homework assignment, go back and re-work the corresponding book problem on your own so that you are sure you can do the problem on your own. Be sure to complete each homework assignment well in advance of the due date/time.

3. Begin preparing for exams as soon as possible before the exam date. Go through every review problem multiple times. Also, review homework problems that you struggled with or received help on, or that you may have missed. Once again, make sure that you are able to solve all of these problems on your own. If you receive help on a particular problem, find a similar problem in the book and be sure you can solve it on your own; you will not be able to ask for help on an exam, so treat your exam preparation like an exam.

4. Don’t wait until you do poorly on an exam to get help. Start going to SI sessions, office hours, the Math Help room, and other help resources right from the beginning of the semester; if you wait until after the first (or second or third) exam to get help, it might be too late.

Be sure that you are able to solve all homework problems and review problems on your own before each exam. If you receive help on any of these problems, go over them again on your own so that you understand them. Nothing will influence your final overall course grade more than your exam scores.