

# MA 15300Y Policy for Dropped and Excused Homework

- **HOMEWORK**

On average, students can expect about 3 homework assignments per week. The schedule for each homework assignment is available in [LON-CAPA](#) and homework assignments cannot be made-up. As such, each student's four lowest homework scores will be automatically dropped at the end of the semester. No additional homework assignments will be dropped. If you feel you have a valid reason for additional drops, please stop by the course coordinator's office hours (available on the [MA 15300 website](#)) and bring acceptable written justification. As stated in the syllabus, *"The purpose of the dropped homework assignments is not to boost your grade, but rather to provide flexibility in the event that unforeseen circumstances might arise that prevent you from completing an assignment."*

- **DROP-BACKS / LATE ADDS**

Students who drop-back to MA 15300Y from another math class, or add the course late, will have their four dropped homework assignments used first, before excusing any other homework assignments. For instance, if a student drops-back to MA 15300Y and has missed 3 homework assignments, that student will receive a zero for those 3 scores and will have 1 dropped homework assignment remaining. If a student adds the course late and has 9 missed homework assignments, the student will receive zeros for the first four missed homework assignments, exhausting their drops for the semester. The remaining 5 missed homework assignments will be excused, and the student will NOT be penalized for missing those assignments.

- **GRIEF POLICY**

Students who miss class because of absences that fall under the Grief Policy will have all homework assignments that were due **during their absence** excused without using their drops. **This is the only circumstance where a student will not use their drops first.** Students must report to the Office of the Dean of Students to have classwork excused under the Grief Policy. Once the ODOS has verified an absence as falling under the Grief Policy, the course coordinator will be contacted. If you feel that you have assignments that should be excused under this policy, visit the Office of the Dean of Students first, then contact the course coordinator ([pdevlin@purdue.edu](mailto:pdevlin@purdue.edu)).