

## Ground Rules for MA 265, Spring 2015

**Course Webpage:** <http://www.math.purdue.edu/courses/MA26500>. This page includes the assignment sheet, necessary Matlab files, and these ground rules.

**Midterm Examinations:** There will be two midterm exams. Target dates are the week of February 16 and the week of March 23

**Homework:** The primary way to submit homework is through WEBASSIGN. The exceptions are those problems from the assignment sheet that a) involve the use of Matlab, or b) have an asterisk (\*). Problems of type a) and b) are to be handed in to the professor and will be hand graded.

The login page to WEBASSIGN is <https://www.webassign.net/purdue/login>.

**Final Examination:** There will be a two-hour, comprehensive final during finals week. The time and place will be announced later. The final will be **multiple choice**.

**Grades:** Course grades will be determined from your **Total Score** which will be computed as follows:

Homework and quizzes	25%
Two midterms, 20% each	40%
Final Exam	35%
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>100%</b>

The scores will be uniformized across different sections by using the **Final Exam Score**.

*Assignment of the grade:*

- (1) The number of particular letter grades (A, B, ...) in each section is based on the **Final Exam Score** across all sections of the course by using the historical grade distribution.
- (2) The letter grades within each section are then determined based on the **Total Score**.

**Calculators:** Calculators will not be allowed on exams or quizzes. All computations in the course can be done by hand.

**Attendance:** Class attendance is expected. Reading the sections in the textbook (by the student) ahead of time is recommended.

**Academic Adjustments:** Students who have been certified by the Office of the Dean of Students-Adaptive Programs as eligible for **academic adjustments** should go to MATH 242 and request an Information Sheet for **this** semester, that explains how to proceed this semester to get these adjustments made in Mathematics courses. (It is not the same as last semester.) **This should be done during the first week of classes.** Only students who have been certified by the ODOS-Adaptive Programs and who have requested ODOS to send their certification letter to their instructor are eligible for academic adjustments.

Students who are currently undergoing an evaluation process to determine whether they are eligible for academic adjustments, are encouraged to find out **now** what procedures they will have to follow when they are certified, by requesting the above mentioned Information Sheet from MATH 242.

Large print copies of the *Information Sheet* are available from MATH 242 upon request.

**Cheating:** Purdue University faculty and students commit themselves towards maintaining a culture of academic integrity and honesty. The students taking this exam are not allowed to seek or obtain any kind of help from anyone to answer questions on this test. If you have questions, consult only an instructor or a proctor. You are not allowed to look at the exam of another student. You may not compare answers with anyone else or consult another student until after you finish your exam and hand it in to a proctor or to an instructor. You may not consult

notes, books, calculators, cameras, or any kind of communications device until after you finish your exam and hand it in to a proctor or to an instructor. If you violate these instructions you will have committed an act of academic dishonesty. Penalties for academic dishonesty can be very severe and may include an F in the course. All cases of academic dishonesty will be reported to the office of the Dean of Students. Your instructor and proctors will do everything they can to stop and prevent academic dishonesty during this exam. If you see someone breaking these rules during the exam, please report it to the proctor or to your instructor immediately. Reports after the fact are not very helpful.

The Mathematics Department, following Purdue Policy, prohibits academic dishonesty. Violations will be punished to the maximum possible extent set forth in the Purdue Policy on academic dishonesty; see

<http://www.purdue.edu/odos/osrr/academicintegritybrochure.php>

**Campus Emergency Information:** 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.

**Important Dates:** Last day for a student to drop a course

-without it being recorded: January 26, 2015

-without a grade: February 9, 2015

-with a passing or failing grade: March 23, 2015