MA16020 Different Class Structures – 3 different choices

1) Traditional:

      a. It meets three times a week for 50 minutes each.

      b. The structure of a traditional class is the usual structure that one would expect. In particular, instructors lecture for the majority of the class time.

      c. Graded work includes exams, quizzes and homework.

2) IMPACT:

      a. IMPACT class meets only twice a week for 50 minutes each.

      b. Students preview the new material by watching the lecture videos and/or reading the etext before class and sometimes complete some of the easier homework assignments. In class, students spend most of the time doing hands on problem solving in the format of individual and group work. Students receive feedback and help in class.

      c. Graded work include exams, quizzes(pre-work quizzes and normal quizzes), and homework.

      d. When registering, in addition to selecting the section with the meeting time, students also need to select the independent study section. This is how the registration is setup. No need to worry about the reason why.

3) Distance Learning/Online:

      a. No physical meetings at all. Students learn the material primarily through watching the lecture videos and reading the etext online.

      b. Help is primarily provided through the tutoring services on campus and Piazza, an online discussion forum.

      c. Graded work includes only exams and homework. There are no quizzes.

      d. For exams, students will typically take them on campus with the other students in the course (for free), or in unusual circumstances and by special permission through an online proctoring service (for a fee).

Notes:

      a. To all students (traditional, online and IMPACT), there are free tutoring services available on campus, as well as Piazza, an online discussion forum.

      b. Exams and homework assignments are the same for all students, regardless of the class structure. EXCEPTION: most exam dates and some homework due dates are different for the IMPACT sections.

      c. As far as total time spent on this course, there is no significant difference among the three different class structures.