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## **Monday Instructor and Course Coordinator:**

Tim Delworth, [delworth@purdue.edu](mailto:delworth@purdue.edu), Office: MATH 814

Office hours: MTWRF 10:00 am to 11:30 am

## **Tuesday/Thursday Instructors, email, Office Hours, Office**

9:30, 10:30 Sections Bob Madison, [rmadiso@purdue.edu](mailto:rmadiso@purdue.edu), M 12:00-1:00, T 11:30-12:30, MATH 845

12:30, 1:30 Sections Eduardo Garcia, [garcia25@purdue.edu](mailto:garcia25@purdue.edu), TR 11:30-12:20, MATH 741

**QR Purdue:** Quantitative Reasoning will emphasize open-ended problems that involve reading, writing, calculating, synthesizing, and clearly reporting results. Students are expected to work well in groups and participate in class activities and discussions.

- **TEXTBOOK**

There is no textbook for this course. You will receive all the printed material in Blackboard.

- **COURSE WEBSITE**

All course material is available in Blackboard.

- **CLASS PERIOD**

Students are expected to attend EVERY class (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) and actively participate in class discussions and activities. Attendance is taken every class period. Starting with your fourth unexcused absence, you will lose 1/3 of a letter grade for each absence. The first three are free, so save them. All excused absences are verified. Being late to class, or leaving early, is just plain rude. Do not be rude.

- **HOMEWORK and PAPERS**

Homework will be due most days. You will need to upload your homework into Blackboard. One page papers will be due sporadic times during the semester. You will also upload these into Blackboard.

- **EXAMS**

There are three midterm exams given in class.

**Exam 1:** Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, in class

**Exam 2:** Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, in class

**Exam 3:** Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in class

**Final Exam:** Purdue will announce the date of all final exams later in the semester. Do not make end-of-semester travel plans before the final exam schedule is published.

- **GRADES**

How will your grade will be determined?

Assignments (homework and papers) are worth 37.5% of your final grade.

Exams are worth 62.5% of your final grade. There will be three midterm exams and a final exam.

Final overall course grades will be determined using the following grading scale. It will not be adjusted. We round to the nearest whole percent using normal rules of rounding.

**Grading Scale:**

98%	A+	86%	B+	70%	C+	57%	D+
90%	A	78%	B	65%	C	50%	D
88%	A-	75%	B-	60%	C-		

**Note:** Starting with your fourth unexcused absence, your grade will be lowered by 1/3 of a letter grade for each unexcused absence. First three are free, please save them.

**Example:** Ashley ends up with 97% of the Assignment points, 82% of the Exam points, and four unexcused absences. What will be her grade in the course?

$(0.97)(0.375) + (0.82)(0.625) = 0.36375 + 0.5125 = 0.87625$ , which rounds to 88% which is a A-. However, she losses 1/3 of a letter grade for having 4 unexcused absences, so she receives a B+.

- **CALCULATORS**

A TI-30XA scientific calculator is required for this course. This is the one-line version of the TI-30, not the two-line version. Nothing else is allowed, and students will NOT be allowed to share calculators. Since we are not asking you to buy a textbook, you can spend \$10 on a calculator.

- **OFFICE HOURS**

If you have questions, you are strongly urged to go to office hours. It is the best way to get individual help. Office hours are listed on the front page.

- **SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION**

Unfortunately, there are no Supplemental Instruction (SI) study sessions available for this course.

- **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

In this course, accommodations are managed between the Mr. Delworth, the student, and DRC Testing Center. Students need to see Mr. Delworth, during his office hours, as soon as possible. Bring your current Accommodation Memorandum, and we will discuss your accommodations.

- **ADDING, SECTION CHANGES, AND WITHDRAWS**

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

**\*\*After the first week of classes:** Students make course and section changes by getting Form 23 (Schedule Revision Request) from their academic advisor, getting their academic advisor's signature, and visiting the Mr. Delworth in MATH 814 during office hours. Completed forms are taken to the [Registrar's Office](#) in Hovde Hall. For the last day to withdraw from this, or any course, check the [Registrar's Office website](#).

- **CHEATING**

The Mathematics Department will not tolerate cheating of any sort. Grade penalties will always be imposed by the Department, and all cheating cases will also be reported to the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) for disciplinary action (probation, suspension, or expulsion).

- **POSSIBLE CAMPUS EMERGENCIES**

In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, exam dates, deadlines, and grading procedures are subject to change due to a revised semester calendar or other circumstances. If you have questions, visit the course Blackboard page, contact the course coordinator by stopping in his office, MATH 814, or email him at [delworth@purdue.edu](mailto:delworth@purdue.edu).

- **COURSE EVALUATIONS**

During the last two weeks of the semester, you will be provided an opportunity to evaluate this course and your instructor. You will receive an official email from the evaluation administrators with a link to the online evaluation site. Your participation in the evaluation is an integral part of this course. Your feedback is vital to improving education at Purdue University and you are strongly urged to participate in the evaluation system.

- **UNIVERSITY GRIEF POLICY**

In the unfortunate event of the loss of a loved one, students should contact the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) to request that a notice of his or her leave be sent to instructors. The student will provide documentation of the death or funeral service attended to the [ODOS](#). Given proper documentation, the instructor will excuse the student from class and provide the opportunity to earn equivalent credit and to demonstrate evidence of meeting the learning outcomes for missed assignments or assessments. If the student is not satisfied with the implementation of this policy by a faculty member, he or she is encouraged to contact the Department Head and if necessary, the [ODOS](#), for further review of his or her case. In a case where grades are negatively affected, the student may follow the established grade appeals process.