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Monday Instructor and Course Coordinator:

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Office hours: M 2:00-3:00, TWR 9:00 to 11:00

Tuesday/Thursday Instructors, email, Office Hours, Office

9:30 and 10:30 Sections: Chris Creighton, ccreigh@purdue.edu, M 4:30-5:30, T 2-3, in MATH 735

11:30 and 12:30 Sections: Jake Desmond, jdesmon@purdue.edu, Wed. 9:00-11:00, in MATH 1037

1:30 and 2:30 Sections: Chase Mathison, cmathiso@purdue.edu, Tue. 3:30-5:30, in MATH 1045

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 2% from your final percentage for each absence. The first three are free. All excused absences are verified. Being late to class, or leaving early, is rude and may result in you receiving an absence for that day. Do not be rude!

What is excused: University approved excuses, in the hospital, [verified grief absence](#), jury duty, military commitment, summons to appear in court, and very few others.

I have a doctor's note: Keep your doctor's notes. If you end up with more than three, see the course coordinator. You do not get to have sick days and three absences.

What is not excused: Almost everything else, job interview, leaving early for Spring Break, 21st birthday hangover, hangovers in general, concert tickets, mom/dad booked my plane ticket for the wrong day, my apartment flooded, I am not feeling well, appointment with my adviser, group meeting for another class, I am not feeling well again, wisdom teeth removal, attending a wedding, I am having a bad week. This is why you get three free ones. Save them for the unexpected.

Monday Class Sign-in: You must sign in on Mondays. If you do not sign in, you will be counted absent. If you are caught signing in an absent student, you will receive a full letter grade deduction in your final course grade. You had better love that person a lot to take that chance.

- **HOMEWORK and PAPERS**

Homework will be two or three times a week. You will upload your homework into Blackboard. One page papers will be due sporadic times during the semester. You will also upload these into Blackboard. We might start using an online homework system this semester, however, those plans have not been finalized.

- **EXAMS**

There are three midterm exams given in class, during your normal class time.

Exam 1: Thursday, February 8th, in class, during your normal class time.

Exam 2: Thursday, March 8th, in class, during your normal class time.

Exam 3: Thursday, April 19th, in class, during your normal class time.

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 25% of your final grade.

Exams are worth 75% 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:

97%	A+	87%	B+	77%	C+	67%	D+
93%	A	83%	B	73%	C	63%	D
90%	A-	80%	B-	70%	C-	60%	D-

Note: Starting with your fourth unexcused absence, your percentage will be lowered by 2% for each unexcused absence. First three are free, please save them. Please do not skip three classes and then start bringing us notes about being sick. We will excuse the verified days you are absent, however, the rest will need to stay under three.

Example: Ashley finishes the semester with 95% of the Assignment points, 82% of the Exam points, and 6 unexcused absences. What will be her grade in the course?

$(0.95)(0.25) + (0.82)(0.75) = 0.2375 + 0.6150 = 0.8525$, which rounds to 85% which is a B.

However, she losses 6% for the unexcused absences, so she ends up with 79%, which is a C+.

Moral of the story: Do not be like Ashley, attend every class.

- **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:** See Mr. Delworth during office hours.

- **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.

- **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.