

# Course Information for MA 26600, Fall 2021

**Course Web Page for MA 26600:** <https://www.math.purdue.edu/MA266>

Check this page often for important information and announcements.

## **Lectures:**

Your instructor will inform you how his/her lectures will be presented during the Fall 2021 semester. Reading the textbook before lectures is expected and is strongly recommended in order to succeed in this course.

## **Homework:**

There are 36 online assignments using *MyLab*. You can access *MyLab* through your section's Brightspace page. Due dates for the assignments are set by the individual instructors. There are also handwritten problems to be found in *MyLab*. Your instructor will inform you of due dates and how to turn your handwritten problem sets in.

## **Policy on Late Homework:**

Except in cases of University approved reasons, late homework will not be accepted. At the end of the semester, the **3 lowest online homework scores** will be excused. No handwritten scores will be dropped.

## **Homework Score Appeal:**

If you believe there is a computer error in the grading of your homework problems, please contact your instructor by email.

## **Midterm Exams:**

There are two midterm in-person exams:

EXAM 1 Tuesday, October 5 at 8:00 pm

EXAM 2 Tuesday November 9 at 8:00 pm

More information will be announced closer to each exam, including the location.

## **Grades:**

Course grades are determined from your overall total score as follows:

Online Homework	22%
Written Homework	6%
Two midterms @ 18% each	36%
Comprehensive Final Exam	36%

The **maximum** percentages to get each grade are:

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

For each of these grades, **it's possible that at the end of the semester a somewhat lower percentage will be enough to get that grade.** (In other words, the lowest percentage to get, for example, an A *could be lower* but *will not be higher* than 93%.)

**Important Dates:**

Last day to drop a course without it on your record: **Friday, September 3**  
Last day to drop a course and receive a W: **Tuesday, October 26**  
Please see the [Purdue University Academic Calendar](#) for other important dates.

**Calculators:**

Calculators are not allowed on exams. You may use calculators on homework assignments.

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:**

Purdue University strives to make learning experiences accessible to all participants. If you anticipate or experience physical or academic barriers based on disability, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center at: [drc@purdue.edu](mailto:drc@purdue.edu) or by phone: 765-494-1247.

If you have been certified by the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as eligible for accommodations, you should contact your instructor to discuss your accommodations as soon as possible. You should send your Course Accessibility Letter to your instructor. Here are instructions on how to do this

<https://www.purdue.edu/drc/students/course-accessibility-letter.php>

**Academic Guidance in the Event a Student is Quarantined/Isolated:**

Whether you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are quarantining because of COVID-19 exposure, a nurse case manager from the Protect Purdue Health Center will

provide guidance and help you make arrangements at every step of the way. The PPHC will provide you with medical clearance to return to campus activity once your quarantine or isolation period is complete. You may call PPHC at 765-496-INFO (4636) or toll-free at 833-571-1043 at any time 24/7 for assistance.

Academic case managers are assigned to undergraduate and Pharmacy professional students who test positive or have to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19. The role of the academic case manager is to help students as they navigate academic concerns, communication with faculty, as well as providing various resources and strategies to be successful during their time away from in-person course attendance.

For more information about academic case managers, contact: [acmq@purdue.edu](mailto:acmq@purdue.edu).

For more information about quarantine and isolation, please see <https://protect.purdue.edu/protect-purdue-health-center/quarantine-isolation-resources/#students>

### **Attendance Policy:**

When conflicts or absences can be anticipated, such as for many University-sponsored activities and religious observations, the student should inform the instructor of the situation as far in advance as possible. For unanticipated or emergency absences when advance notification to the instructor is not possible, the student should contact the instructor as soon as possible by email or phone. When the student is unable to make direct contact with the instructor and is unable to leave word with the instructor's department because of circumstances beyond the student's control, and in cases falling under excused absence regulations, the student or the student's representative should contact or go to the [Office of the Dean of Students website](#) to complete appropriate forms for instructor notification. Under academic regulations, excused absences may be granted for cases of grief/bereavement, military service, jury duty, and parenting leave. For details, see the [Academic Regulations & Student Conduct section](#) of the University Catalog website.

Guidance on class attendance related to COVID-19 is outlined in the [Protect Purdue Pledge for Fall 2021](#) on the [Protect Purdue website](#).

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate per medical protocols and cannot attend class. An unvaccinated individual who has had a high-risk exposure may not attend class and will be required to quarantine for 14 days after any and every such high-risk exposure, regardless of symptoms. The impact of a potential 14-day absence may vary depending on the academic course work for each individual. We will try to accommodate students by excusing the student or allowing the student to make up work, when possible.

### **Classroom Guidance Regarding Protect Purdue:**

Any student who has substantial reason to believe that another person is threatening the safety of others by not complying with Protect Purdue protocols is encouraged to report the behavior to and discuss the next steps with their instructor. Students also have the option of reporting the behavior to the [Office of the Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). See also [Purdue University Bill of Student Rights](#) and the Violent Behavior Policy under University Resources in Brightspace.

### **Mental Health/Wellness Statement:**

Purdue University is committed to advancing the mental health and well-being of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available. For help, such individuals should contact Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at (765)494-6995 and <http://www.purdue.edu/caps/> during and after hours, on weekends and holidays, or through its counselors physically located in the Purdue University Student Health Center (PUSH) during business hours.

### **Nondiscrimination Statement:**

Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life. For more information, please see Purdue's full [Nondiscrimination Policy Statement](#).

### **Academic Integrity:**

Academic integrity is one of the highest values that Purdue University holds. Individuals are encouraged to alert university officials to potential breeches of this value by either emailing [integrity@purdue.edu](mailto:integrity@purdue.edu) or by calling 765-494-8778. While information may be submitted anonymously, the more information that is submitted provides the greatest opportunity for the university to investigate the concern. Purdue prohibits academic dishonesty. According to University policy, cheating, plagiarism, lying, and deceit in any of their diverse forms (such as the use of substitutes for taking examinations, the use of illegal cribs, plagiarism, and copying during examinations) is dishonest and must not be tolerated. Moreover, knowingly to aid, abet, directly or indirectly, other parties in committing dishonest acts is in itself dishonest. If found guilty of academic dishonesty, possible penalties can range from receiving a zero on the assignment or exam to expulsion from the University. For more details about the Purdue policy on academic dishonesty see

[www.purdue.edu/odos/osrr/academicintegritybrochure.php](http://www.purdue.edu/odos/osrr/academicintegritybrochure.php)

**Commercial Note Taking in Classes:**

Notes taken in class are generally considered to be "derivative works" of the instructor's presentations and materials, and they are thus subject to the instructor's copyright in such presentations and materials. No individual is permitted to sell or otherwise barter notes, either to other students or to any commercial concern, for a course without the express written permission of the course instructor. See University Senate Document 03-9, April 19, 2004.

**Course and Instructor Evaluations:**

During the last two weeks of the semester, you will be provided an opportunity to evaluate this course and your instructor through online course evaluations. On Monday of the 14th week of classes, you will receive an official email from evaluation administrators with a link to the online site. You will have two weeks to complete this evaluation. Your participation in this evaluation is an integral part of this course. Your feedback is vital to improving education at Purdue University. We strongly urge you to participate in the evaluation system.

**Other Issues:**

In the event of a major campus emergency or other circumstances beyond the instructor's control, course requirements, deadlines, and grading percentages are subject to changes that may require a revised semester calendar. To get information about changes in this course, please check your Purdue email frequently and visit the course web page: [www.math.purdue.edu/MA266](http://www.math.purdue.edu/MA266)