

Course Syllabus - MA 16100, Spring 2015

Course Web Page: Check this page

www.math.purdue.edu/MA161 (*Click here*)

There is also a detailed **Daily Calendar** for the entire semester posted there.

Homework: There are 37 online assignments using *WebAssign*

[WebAssign Login](#) (*Click here*)

Due dates and times are listed on the WebAssign "Course View." Generally, homework from the Friday and Monday lectures are due Tuesday at 11:00^{pm} and homework from the Wednesday lecture is due Thursday at 11:00^{pm}.

Transfers: If you transfer sections your *WebAssign* account will transfer also. However, it is your responsibility to notify the TA of the new section so that he/she can request to have your past scores moved over.

Late Registration: If you have not registered for the course but intend to, you should ask the TA for the section you are attending to get you a *WebAssign* account and you should start submitting the assignments. There is a two week trial period for the *WebAssign* account. After that you will have to pay the (nonrefundable) access fee.

Quizzes: There will be a quiz in every recitation class, except during the last week (Dead Week). The quizzes will be on the material from lessons whose homework is due the previous recitation. The quiz problems will be similar to the homework problems. The Readiness Quiz (Quiz 0) is a quiz to assess your mastery of the pre-requisite skills necessary to learn calculus. Your result on the Readiness Quiz will tell you what skills you need work on to succeed in this class.

Late Homework and Missed Quizzes: Late homework will not be accepted. No make-up quizzes will be given. At the end of the semester the 3 lowest homework scores and the 2 lowest quiz scores will be dropped. Students who are forced to miss class for an extended period of time should contact their lecturers and also inform the Office of the Deans of Students.

Midterm Examinations: There will be three (3), one-hour, multiple choice, midterm exams:

EXAM # 1 – Tuesday, **February 10** (8:00 pm)
EXAM # 2 – Wednesday, **March 11** (8:00 pm)
EXAM # 3 – Thursday, **April 9** (6:30 pm)

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

Grades: Course grades will be determined from your total score which will be computed as follows:

Homework	100 pts
Quizzes	100 pts
3 Midterm Exams @ 100 each	300 pts
Comprehensive Final Exam	200 pts
TOTAL	<u>700 pts</u>

The scores will be uniformized across different sections by using the **Total Common Exam Score** (i.e., the sum of scores for the three midterm exams and Final Exam).

1. The number of particular letter grades (A, B, . . .) in each section is based on the **Total Common Exam Score** across all sections of the entire course by using the historical grade distribution.
2. The course letter grades within each section are then determined based on the total points out of 700 pts.

Office Hours: You may attend any of these hours in the Math Help Room (MATH 205) for help with your MA 16100: www.math.purdue.edu/academic/officehours (*Click here*)

Calculators: Calculators are not allowed on exams or quizzes. It is important that you learn to do simple manipulations by hand. A few homework problems are assigned that need a graphing calculator. The goal of these problems is to help illustrate the theory and to help you understand the power (and limitations) of graphing calculators. It is recommended that you have a graphing calculator. If you do not, try using the graphing program at: <http://math.hws.edu/xFunctions/> (*Click here*)

Supplemental Instruction: There are Supplemental Instruction (SI) study sessions available for this course. These study groups are open to anyone enrolled in this course who would like to stay current with the course material and understand the material better. Attendance at these sessions is voluntary, but extremely beneficial for those who attend weekly. Times and locations for the study session can be found here: www.purdue.edu/si (*Click here*) or the free app: www.purdue.edu/boilerguide

Students who attend these interactive sessions will find themselves working with peers as they compare notes, demonstrate and discuss pertinent problems and concepts, and share study and test-taking strategies. Students are asked to arrive with their student ID card, lecture notes and questions to these informal, peer-led study sessions.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities : If you have been certified by the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as eligible for academic adjustments on exams or quizzes see

www.math.purdue.edu/ada (*Click here*)

for exam and quiz procedures for your mathematics course or go to MATH 242 for paper copies. In the event that you are waiting to be certified by the Disability Resource Center we encourage you to review our procedures prior to being certified. For all in-class accommodations please see your instructors outside class hours before or after class or during office hours to share your Accommodation Memorandum for the current semester and discuss your accommodations as soon as possible.

Important Dates:

Last day to drop a course without it being recorded: Monday, **January 26** (5:00pm).

Last day to drop a course without a grade: Monday, **March 9** (5:00pm).

Last day to drop a course with a passing or failing grade: Wednesday, **March 23** (5:00pm).

Academic Dishonesty: 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 include a failing grade, a warning, probation, probated suspension, suspension, or expulsion. For more details about the Purdue Policy on academic dishonesty see

www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/student_conduct/regulations.html (*Click here*)

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(s). To this end, Purdue has transitioned to 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, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances beyond the instructors control. To get information about changes in this course please check frequently the course web page: www.math.purdue.edu/MA161 (*Click here*)