

- **CLASS PERIOD**

Students are expected to attend *every* class meeting and to read the appropriate sections of the text before coming to class. Instructors *often may not* have time to cover every topic in class. Refer to your textbook lessons for help. A large amount of algebra content and material is covered at each class meeting. **You are advised not to miss class, if at all possible. Cell phones should be turned off when in class and not used. Be considerate of other students when in class. Do not talk or disturb the instructor or other students.**

- **HOMEWORK/QUIZZES**

Most homework will be done online using MyMathLab (coursecompass). Doing your homework is your best way to be prepared for quizzes and exams. Homework assignments are scaled to 50 points of the 600 points toward the grade. There are a few problems in bolded print on the assignment sheet that are to be completed by students on their own (not online), but these problems are not usually collected. However, students are responsible for these problems and your instructor has the option of occasionally collecting them. **There will be some worksheets** of homework problems that will not be on coursecompass and will be found under other information/worksheets on the course web page at www.math.purdue.edu/MA15200X. It is extremely important that students complete these problems. Your instructor has the option of collecting these problems for a score in place of or in addition to a quiz (even during dead week).

A short quiz will be given in class **almost every class**, starting with the second class period (Tuesday, 01/18). Quizzes are scaled to 50 points out of 600 points toward the grade. Quizzes will be usually unannounced. Assume you have a quiz each class day, except possibly during exam evenings and during 'dead week'. The quiz is usually over the previous class's lessons. Quizzes are not usually cooperative, take-home, or open book/notes.

No make-ups will be allowed for the quizzes or online homework, for any reason. Only under unusual circumstances will an extension of a deadline for an online homework be granted. Only the course coordinator can extend a deadline for a homework. The three lowest scores for online homework and the one lowest quiz score will not be counted. To have a fourth online homework score (or more) or a second (or more) quiz score not counted at the end of the semester will require acceptable written justification for having missed all quizzes or homework.

Note: If you have documentation for a more than one excused absence, you need to see the course coordinator. Only she can excuse a second or more absences or quizzes. You must provide her with written justification for **all absences**. If additional excused absences or quizzes are granted, she will notify your instructor. **Excused absences may be granted for documented illnesses or hospitalizations, Purdue sponsored activities, death of an immediate family member or very close friend, or documented religious observances. The final decision on excused absences rests with your instructor for the first excused absence and then the course coordinator for additional excused absences. A student who has excessive absences may not be granted additional excused absences upon request.**

- **EXAMS**

There are three multiple-choice, machine-graded exams scheduled for your class this semester. The dates are as follows. (Mark them on your calendar.)

EXAM 1: Tuesday, February 15th, 2011, 6:00 PM

EXAM 2: Tuesday, March 8th, 2011, 6:00 PM

EXAM 3: Tuesday, April 19th, 2011, 6:00 PM

Missing an Exam: If you miss an exam for any reason, contact the course coordinator as soon as possible. Make-up (alternate) exams can only be approved **in writing** by the course coordinator, Charlotte Bailey (MATH 802, (765) 496-3145, baileycm@purdue.edu). Make-up exams will be allowed for valid reasons. For non-valid reasons, a make-up *may* be allowed with a **grade penalty** of 20 points deducted from the student's earned score. Not knowing the right date, time or location of an exam is NOT a valid reason for missing it.

Emergency: If you have an **emergency situation** that will prevent you from attending an exam, you must contact Charlotte Bailey **as soon as the situation allows**, preferably in person or, if necessary, by email (do not use voicemail). To avoid missing important information, the sooner you contact Charlotte Bailey, the better.

20-Minute Rule: No one will be allowed to leave the exam site for the first 20 minutes of the exam. After that time, no one will be allowed to enter and take the exam. Students arriving after 20 minutes will be allowed to take the make-up (alternate) exam. If they arrived late for a non-valid reason, a grade penalty will be deducted from the make-up exam score.

Make-ups (alternate exams) will be given only once for each midterm exam, on the following dates and times:

MAKE-UP EXAM 1: Friday, February 11th, 2011, 6:00 PM

MAKE-UP EXAM 2: Friday, March 11th, 2011, 6:00 PM

MAKE-UP EXAM 3: Friday, April 22nd, 2011, 6:00 PM

If you miss a regular exam and the alternate exam, you may have a score of 0 (zero) recorded for that exam.

To prepare for the midterm exams, students should review all of the material covered by their homework assignments, quizzes, and the review problems on the posted exam memo. Past exams (available online) are a source of additional review problems and can also give students a rough idea of the length and difficulty level of their own exams.

However, many students have the mistaken impression that just by reviewing some past exams they will have seen all that is expected of them for their own exams. Past exams should **absolutely not** be used as a guide to the exact content and wording of the exams.

The final exam is a 30-question, multiple-choice, machine-graded exam that is given on Tuesday during the sixteenth week of the semester. Students may get a copy of practice questions for the final online (posted later in semester on the course web page).

The semester end on Saturday, May 7th, at 9:00 PM. **NO ALTERNATE WILL BE ALLOWED IF YOU PLAN TO LEAVE** before your final exam takes place.

- **CALCULATORS**

No calculators are allowed on quizzes or exams until after exam 1. However, you will need a calculator for some of the homework problems prior to exam 1. **After exam 1 is completed the Texas Instrument calculator, TI-30XA, a very basic 1-line scientific calculator is required for many problems on the quizzes and exams. No other calculator may be used on quizzes or exams.** Students are not allowed to share calculators with other students during quizzes and exams.

- **SUPPLIES**

Other than the textbook and MyMathLab Student Access Kit (purchased together), students will need to have the following for this course: a TI-30XA calculator; some loose-leaf paper and graph paper for homework and/or quizzes; a 3-ring binder to keep homework, quizzes, notes, and exams stored in an organized manner (optional); the usual pencils and erasers; a 3-hole punch (optional); and a straightedge (optional).

- **OFFICE HOURS**

Any student can get help from his/her instructor or the MA 15200 course coordinator during their office hours. You are strongly urged to go to office hours if you have questions. It is the best way to get individual help. Additionally, **MATH 205 is 'The Math Help Room'** and is open Monday-Thursday 10:30AM to 5:30PM & Friday from 10:30AM to 2:30PM. (There is evening tutoring available through the WISP program. See link on course web page.)

- **ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENTS**

Students who have been certified by the Office of the Dean of Students-Disability Resource Center as eligible for **academic adjustments** should go to MATH 242 with a copy of their certification letter and request a copy of the *Information Sheet* for their course. Certification letters should be filed during the first week of classes or as soon as students receive their letters.

The course Information Sheet explains how to proceed this semester to get adjustments made in your mathematics course. It may not be the same as last semester. Only students who have been certified by the ODOS-Disability Resource Center and who have requested the DRC to send their certification letters to their instructors are eligible for academic adjustments. Students, who are currently undergoing an evaluation process to determine whether they are eligible for academic adjustments, are encouraged to find out **now** what procedures they will have to follow when they are certified, by requesting an Information Sheet from MATH 242. Large print copies of the *Information Sheet* are available from MATH 242 upon request.

Both your instructor **and** the course coordinator will need a copy of your certification accommodation letter. You will need to meet with the course coordinator, Charlotte Bailey, to discuss your accommodations; if possible, during the first week of the semester. **You may not receive your full accommodations if you do not meet with the coordinator.** The MA 15200 course coordinator, Charlotte Bailey, is located in MATH 802. Her phone is (765) 496-3145 and her email address is baileycm@purdue.edu.

- **GRADES**

Quiz scores are scaled to 50 points, online homework is scaled to 50 points, each evening exam is worth 100 points, and the final exam is worth 200 points. At the end of the semester, each student's final grade is calculated using his/her *total points*. **The course letter grades at the end of the semester are calculated as follows:** (1) Course wide letter grade cut-offs are determined for the four common exams combined (500 possible points). (2) Then, your instructor determines the number of each letter grade her students as a group earned, based on the individual totals of the four exam scores. (3) Next, she lists all of the students' total points (out of the 600 total points available), in numerical order, highest first. (Those students who do not have grades on all 4 exams are not included in this list.) If ten of his/her students receive an A according to the four-exam cut-offs, the first 10 students on the list of total points will automatically receive an A as their final grade in the course, and so on down the list for the other grades. (4) Students that are zero to four points below a grade cut-off (based on the 600 total points available) will automatically be raised to the higher grade. Students who are within 5 to 13 points of the cut-off are considered borderline. A student who is 5 to 8 points away from a cut-off will receive the higher grade with a minus. A student who is 9 to 13 away from a cut-off will receive the earned grade with a plus. There is no F+ given.

Exam grades will be available from your instructor and online. You can obtain your course grade by seeing your instructor or by checking MyPurdue. Grades cannot be obtained over the telephone.

- **SECTION CHANGES AND DROPS**

First week of the semester: To add, drop, or change sections during the first week, go to MyPurdue or see your academic advisor.

Starting the second week of the semester: Starting the second week, students can make course and section changes by getting a form from their Academic Advisor (or in MATH 242 or MATH 835), getting their Academic Advisor's signature, and getting Charlotte Bailey's signature (MATH 802). She has scheduled the following hours to see students concerning course and section changes: Monday and Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 or Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 – 11:30 (or other times as available, cbailey@purdue.edu). The student then returns the form to the Registrar or the Academic Advisor's Office for processing. **Make sure that you are registered in the section you attend. You will have zeros recorded as your quiz grades if you do not.** Thursday, February 10th is the last day to add the class.

If you want to drop (withdraw) the course during the first nine weeks of the semester, Charlotte Bailey (MATH 802) can sign your drop form. If she is not available, go to MATH 835. No drops (withdrawals) are allowed after Monday, March 21st. Note: This is the Monday after spring break.

- **CHANGING TO A LOWER MATH COURSE**

Students who do poorly on the first exam are allowed to drop back into a lower level course THROUGH Thursday, February 10th. **WE WILL ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN WITHOUT RESTRICTION. SUCH STUDENTS SHOULD GET SIGNATURES FROM THEIR ACADEMIC ADVISOR AND** from Charlotte Bailey, MATH 802 (Monday and Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 or Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 – 11:30) for MA 11100. (If you have a conflict with these hours, leave a message in MATH 835.) You must obtain these signatures by February 10th at 4:00 PM. **After February 10th, only under very extenuating circumstances will any student be allowed to register for MA 11100. They will also need the authorization of the Department Head, Professor Rodrigo Bañuelos.** Such students should contact their academic advisors for possible alternatives, including dropping the course.

- **PREREQUISITES**

Students must receive a B- or higher in MA 15200 in order to register for MA 15400. Some programs or departments may require a certain minimum grade in MA 15200. Check with your advisor.

- **CHEATING**

The Mathematics Department will not tolerate cheating of any sort. Grade penalties will always be imposed by the Department. All cheating cases may be reported to the Dean of Students Office for disciplinary action (zero on exam, notification, probation, suspension, or expulsion).

- **WEB PAGE**

The course web page is www.math.purdue.edu/MA15200X. You will find course information (including the class schedule, assignment list, and ground rules), exam information, office hour information, resources, lesson notes, and course coordinator information.