

CLASS INFORMATION AND POLICY

COURSE: Calculus III – Math208
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Attendance: A semester total of 6 un-excusable absence from class will result in a half letter grade deduction. A semester total of 10 class absence will result in a full letter grade deduction. A perfect attendance receives 10 points bonus.

Quiz: Quiz every Friday except a test is scheduled for the same week or with five days.

Exams: There will be six hour exams plus the final exam. The hour exams will consist of both routine problems similar to your homework assignment and problems which may require some thought. The final exam is a uniform, comprehensive exam.

Grade: 80 points for each hour exam, 10 points for each quiz, 200 for the final exam, and 30 points for two on-line assignments. The standard numerical-to-letter-grade conversion table will be used for your course grade.

A Few Suggestions: Success in any math class requires a tendency to perfectionism. Every step of the way, strict attention to the smallest detail is absolutely necessary. If you can learn to acquire the trait of perfectionism for this class, you will be able to succeed more easily in other classes. If you are good at learning mathematics you are probably also good at learning other subjects as well.

It is important for you to work out the homework problems as much independently as possible. Try to reason through problems even though there are formulas or algorithms ready to use. This reasoning process is the essential part of the mathematical thought process. You must also do your homework in a timely fashion. Like most math courses, the material is very cumulative and therefore is easy to get behind. Time can be your friend as much as your foe.

Always read ahead. I will plan class activities assuming you have done the reading. As you read the text, concentrate on the general development first. As it is the case with all math textbooks, details of routine calculus and algebra are generally left to the reader; and eventually the reader should confirm all such calculations. As a good practice, keep a pencil and scratch paper ready when reading the textbook.

Should you have any questions, speak up in class, seek individual help from your TA or myself. Remember that you are doing other students a favor when you ask questions in class. An admirable community service.

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