

Math 231, Section U1

Spring 2009 Course Information

Meetings: MWF 10-10:50, Room 40, Allen Hall

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Text: Smith and Minton, Calculus Early Transcendental Functions, 3rd Ed.

Problem Sessions:

Most Wednesday classes will be problem sessions mainly devoted to group work on example problems and student presentations of answers. During these problem sessions, I will often not answer questions directly, but will ask you to consider them further in your groups or to find the information on your own. You will need to bring your textbook. We may devote some of this time to student questions as well.

Office hours/Tutoring:

Take advantage of them! Coming to my office hours is a great way to get your questions answered. If you can't come at the scheduled time, make an appointment. The math department also runs a free tutoring room Monday-Thursday 7-9 pm. Visit the math department webpage for more details about tutoring.

Quizzes:

There will be eleven "weekly" quizzes on Fridays throughout the semester. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped. There will be no makeup quizzes. If you miss a quiz because of an excused absence (see below), I will simply count your quiz percentage out of one fewer quiz. We may, on occasion, do a group quiz instead of an individual quiz. All quizzes are closed book and closed note.

Homework:

We will have daily homework assignments, which will be posted on the webpage. Homework will consist of a bunch of practice problems to work, plus 3-5 problems to write up and turn in. I will grade a subset of the problems you turn in. Homework is due at the beginning of the next class period. No late homework assignments will be accepted. 5 minutes after a class starts, homework is "late." If you work with others on your homework, be sure to write your answers up separately in your own words. If there are two assignments which look too similar, both will receive no credit. Moreover, homework should be neat and stapled. Illegible homework will receive no credit.

Hour Exams:

We will have three 50 minute mid-semester exams. They will be in class on (approximately) Wednesday, February 18th, Wednesday, March 18th and Friday, April 24th. All exams are closed book and closed note.

Final Exam:

Our final exam is May 11th from 8-11 am. It will be comprehensive. You must tell me by May 1st if you think you meet the university criteria for a conflict exam.

Excuses:

If you are sick and unable to take an exam or quiz, you must let me know BEFORE the exam or quiz by email. In order to make up an exam you will need a note from McKinley Health Center stating that you were unable to take the exam (not just a note stating that you were there), or a note from the Emergency Dean excusing you from taking the exam. Similarly, if you have a family emergency you need a note from the Emergency Dean excusing you explicitly from the missed exam or quiz. Other acceptable excuses are for travel with an athletic team, musical group or other university sanctioned activity and must be verified in writing by the coach or advisor at least a week BEFORE the absence.

Grades:

Quizzes	15%
Homework	10%
Exam 1	15%
Exam 2	15%
Exam 3	15%
Final Exam	30%

It is your responsibility to make sure that all grade discrepancies be cleared in a timely manner. Once any graded quiz or exam has been returned, even if you were not present to accept it that day, you have one week from that date to dispute any discrepancies. After the one week, the grades are final. Your scores will be posted on Compass.

Tardiness:

If you are more than 10 minutes late on a quiz day, you will be considered absent and will not be allowed to take the quiz. Similarly if you leave early, your quiz will not be graded and will count as a zero. Likewise, homework turned in after the first 5 minutes of class will be considered late.

Cheating:

Cheating will not be tolerated and is a very, very bad idea. Any student found cheating will be dealt with in accordance with the University's Student Code Article 1, Part 4 Policy on Academic Integrity. Cheating of any kind on quizzes or exams can result in up to an immediate F in both courses and placement of a letter in your permanent file.

Calculators:

Calculators will **NOT** be allowed on any quiz or exam.

Accommodations:

If you have special needs requiring accommodations as sanctioned by DRES please provide the official documentation of your specific needs by January 30, 2009.

Expectations:

Attendance: While attendance is not a part of your grade, I expect you to attend every class and to keep up with the material when you miss class, either through the webpage or through classmates. You are responsible for knowing the information given in class, whether or not you were there.

Respect: I expect you to treat me and your classmates respectfully. Being late or disruptive is

disrespectful.

Preparation and participation: You are expected to come to class having already studied your notes from lecture, having read the text materials assigned for those lectures, and having completed any homework assignments due that day. By studying the material before each class you will be ready to discuss the material in more depth and have specific questions to ask about material that may be giving you difficulty. You are expected to contribute your ideas and insights as well as your questions. I will often be asking you to present your answers. Please use this opportunity to its greatest advantage. The biggest benefit will be gained by students who come to class already familiar with the material and prepared to discuss it, hear new ideas from peers, and apply their understanding to novel situations.

The grading scale is described below.

96.68-100.0%	A+
93.34-96.67%	A
90.00-93.33%	A-
86.68-89.99%	B+
83.34-86.67%	B
80.00-83.33%	B-
76.68-79.99%	C+
73.34-76.67%	C
70.00-73.33%	C-
66.68-69.99%	D+
63.34-66.67%	D
60.00-63.33%	D-
Less than 60%	F

This represents the highest possible grade scale. That is, if you get an 80.00%, you will get at least a B-.

Important Dates:

1st day of classes: January 20th

1st Exam: February 18th

Drop deadline: March 13th

2nd Exam: March 18th

Spring Break: March 21-29th

3rd Exam: April 24th

Last day of class: May 6th

Final exam: 8-11am May 11th