

## Course Information for Math 117 Lab

Information about me: My name is Warren Buck. Feel free to call me “Warren” or “Mr. Buck”. I have TAed for Math 103 and Math 117 before. I have office hours from 2pm to 3pm on Mondays. My office is at 110 Altgeld Hall. Feel free to schedule a time to meet with me if you would like and if my office hours are inconvenient for you. I have a schedule posted at my web site.

My e-mail address is [wbuck@uiuc.edu](mailto:wbuck@uiuc.edu)

My web site is at <http://www.math.uiuc.edu/~wbuck>

Attendance: Attendance is expected and required. See the syllabus (from lecture) for more specific details regarding attendance. Many topics are covered in the labs that are preparatory for tests. It is important that you be here to learn about these topics.

Only Mrs. Purkayastha can excuse absences, and all labs must be made up with her. Please get in touch with her if you miss a lab.

Punctuality: Most of you are probably planning on going into teaching. In the teaching profession, punctuality is crucial. Also, punctuality is crucial in many other careers. Moreover, it is important that you come to the labs on time so that you get all of the information from them. Punctuality will influence your lab participation grade.

Of course, I am not totally heartless. If you have a valid reason for being late, please let me know. The ever popular “I missed my bus” is *not* a valid reason.

Effort: You must put forth an effort in the labs to do well in the course. Although you work in groups on the labs, you will not learn the material if you do not try to contribute to your group.

Similarly, you must put forth an effort on the homework. Attempt every single problem. Inability to know how to start solving a problem is a sign that you need to see either me or Mrs. Purkayastha for additional help.

Homework: If you need help with your homework, you are responsible for getting help *before* the day the homework is due. Please utilize office hours or make an appointment to see me.

Ethics: Typically, each member of a group has different mathematical abilities. Please be respectful of this. If a member of your group is struggling, please help him or her out.

Please do not bring “smelly” food to lab.

There is no janitor for this room. You are responsible for cleaning up after yourself.

With the exception of calculators, electronic devices cannot be used during labs and *must be turned off during labs*. Do *not* use cell phones as calculators or clocks during labs.