Math 300 - Course Policies

Section 10 MW 6:10pm - 7:30pm, Scott Hall 216 CAC

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Office Hours: Monday's 2:00-4:00pm, 517 Hill Center
Wednesday's: 2:00-3:00pm, 517 Hill Center
, **and** by appointment.

Hour Exams: There will be two (midterm) (80 minute) exams, given in lecture. Each hour exam will be worth 100 points.

Exams will be closed book and student-prepared formula sheets will not be permitted. Note, the hour exams are written by the lecturers and different sections will have different exams.

The dates of the exams are as follows:

Exam I: 6 October 2015
Exam II: 19 November 2015

Prior notice is **REQUIRED** if an exam cannot be taken on schedule with the class. Make-up exams will **only** be scheduled with prior approval from me. Documentation of excuse may be required for a make-up exam to be approved.

Final Exam: The comprehensive final exam will be given on

Tuesday, December 15, 8-11 pm.

The room for the final will be announced at a later date.

Course topics: The course will cover the bulk of the material in Chapters 1-4 of the text and one of chapters 5,6, or 7. The planned content of each lecture is described on the course schedule.
Grading: The term grade will be based on the results of the examinations and homework.

Hour Exams	200 points (100 points each)
Final Exam	200 points
HW	100 points
Total:	500 points

Grading standards: The course grade is determined by the number of points the student earns out of a total 525 points. Approximate grade cutoffs are A= 450-500, B+/B= 400-449, C+/C= 350-399, D= 300-349, and F=0-299, HOWEVER, these cutoffs may be rescaled after the final examination has been administered. In addition, to receive a passing grade, you must earn at least half the available points on exams.

Students whose exam grades all are near bare passing or are failing may fail the course in spite of numerical averages: students *must* show that they can do adequate work connected with this course independently and verifiably.
Students who miss a significant number of classes may have their course grades lowered.

Homework: There will be fairly regular homework assigned. I expect to assign about 5 to 10 exercises a week for you to work on. They must be turned in before the posted due date. Of these, some (usually not all) will be graded.

Homework will be due one week after it is assigned.

Directions for homework write-ups:

- Each turned in assignment is a short technical report. It should be a well-considered professional document; not a first draft.
- Write on one side only. Put your name on each page. Number pages. Maintain at least a one-inch margin on all four sides.
- Edit carefully. Use correct spelling and grammar.
- Begin each problem with a statement of the problem.
- Proofs should include english words, not just math symbols.
- Each homework problem will be graded on a scale of 0-5. Remember, the grader cannot grade your mathematics unless its exposition makes it clear what is going on.

I have been known to put homework problems on exams. Obviously, it is to your benefit to learn from doing the homework and to learn more from the reader's comments and from the class discussions.

Participation: Your participation in class is essential! If you have a question, feel free to raise your hand and ask. If I make a mistake, please correct me. If I ask a question, please speak up with your response.

Courtesy and Academic Integrity: Turn off and put away cell phones during class. If you need to leave class early or enter class late, do so quietly. Show respect to your fellow classmates at all times. All work you turn in must be your own. **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND MAY RESULT IN A FAILING GRADE FOR THE COURSE!**

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http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/policy-on-academic-integrity

I reserve the right to make changes to the above class policies at any time.