Spring 2017, MTH 411/511, MWF 15:00-15:50, 220 NSC


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Prerequisite: MTH 142.

Exams and Grades: There are three (3) in-class exams. Each exam is worth 100 points. Your grade will be determined by the SUM of your three scores according to the grading scale below. TO MAKE UP A MISSED EXAM, YOU MUST HAVE A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE. Excuses such as oversleeping due to malfunctioning clock are NOT acceptable.

First Exam: Friday, March 10, in class.
Second Exam: Monday, April 17, in class.
Final Exam: Friday, May 12, in class.
Make-up Exam: Monday, May 22, 13:00-14:00, 250 Math BLDG.
(No admission to the make-up exam after 13:00.)

GRADING SCALE

The scale below will be followed strictly:

250-300: A
245-249: A-
240-244: B+
215-239: B
210-214: B-
200-209: C+
160-199: C
150-159: C-
140-149: D+
100-139: D
0-99: F

Example: Suppose that Jean-Baptiste Simpson receives 10 points for the first exam, 49 points for the second exam, and 100 points for the final exam. Since his TOTAL is 159, he receives a C- for the course.

Repeat: Grades in this course are determined by the three exams only. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL CHANCES. There is NO such thing as extra work in this course.
Homework assignments are here:
http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~jxia/Teaching/hw411.pdf
There will be one homework assignment each week, to be collected by the TA during the recitation in the following week, corrected, and returned to you. Late homework papers will NOT be accepted. Although homework does not count toward your final grade, you are required to do all the assigned problems. Furthermore, you are expected to do AT LEAST an equal amount of unassigned work on your own. If you fail to do so, it is likely that you will perform poorly on the exams.

Incomplete: University policy stipulates that Incomplete may NOT be granted if your intention is to use it to avoid an undesirable grade. At the time you request an Incomplete, you must be passing the course. Furthermore, Incomplete cannot be granted unless a condition exists that physically prevents you from completing the course.

Burden of Proof: If you request a make-up exam, or an Incomplete, or anything that is out of ordinary, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to provide PROOF IN WRITTEN FORM that your excuses are legitimate. It is NOT the responsibility of the instructor to verify your excuses. For example, a note from the Student Health Center stating “You may obtain verification of illness by contacting ...” is NOT an acceptable form of proof of your excuses.

E-mail: E-mail is not a teaching tool, and e-mail is not intended to make it easy for you to avoid attending classes. The ONLY kind of request to which you can expect a reply through e-mail is a request for an appointment at a time other than the regular office hour.

ALL OTHER REQUESTS OR COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON.

The following are typical examples of e-mail to which you should NOT expect a response:

- What material was covered in class today (or yesterday or last week)?
- What is the homework assignment?
- What chapters or sections will be covered on the next exam?
- What was the score on my last exam?

Repeat: In general, if the purpose of your e-mail is anything other than requesting an appointment, you should not expect a response.

In your request for an appointment at a time other than the regular office hour, you must clearly indicate when you want to meet.