TIME AND LOCATION: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 1.50 to 2:40 in C109WH (Wells Hall)

TEXT: Calculus, Thomas and Finney, Alternate edition (or 9th edition)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:00 to 4:00. Other hours are also available by appointment. The Math Learning Center and your TA are available for questions.

ABSENCES: If you are absent from class, you are responsible for the material covered. Arrange to copy another student’s notes and be informed of any announcements made during class.

RECITATION SESSION:
Tuesday from 1.50 to 2:40 in C109 Wells Hall. Your TA is Linda Joegiono. In each recitation session there is either a quiz or a midterm exam (see below), and the Teaching Assistant will discuss the homework problems. You are strongly encouraged to participate actively and ask questions.

EXAMINATIONS: There will be four midterm exams and a uniform final exam. Midterm exams are held during your recitation sessions on Tuesday. If (and only if) you pass all four exams, i.e. $\geq 11$ points on each exam, then your worst exam score from among the four will be replaced with the average of the other three scores.

MISSED EXAMS: Make-up exams will be given only under excruciating circumstances and decisions will be made on an individual basis. In case of serious illness, notify me as soon as possible and give me a note from your physician as soon as you are back in class. Otherwise, notify me several days in advance. If not then your exam score will be zero points. If you are a student athlete, please let me know ahead of time if your team travel schedule conflicts with a scheduled exam.

CALCULATORS/COMPUTERS: Calculators or Computers are not allowed on any exams or quizzes.
HOMEWORK: Homework assignments for the term are posted on my webpage. We do not collect and grade the homework, but I assume that you do the corresponding homework problems whenever I have finished covering a section in the textbook. Part of the homework is also reading the sections in the textbook that have been covered in the lecture and working through all the examples, and I assume that you have done so.

QUIZZES: Whenever there is no midterm exam there will be a 10 minute quiz during your recitation session. The first quiz will be on January 18. Altogether there will be nine quizzes, but only your six best quizzes will contribute to your final grade. Therefore, there are no make-up quizzes under any circumstances.

YOUR FINAL GRADE: Your grade consists of five components: Your six best quizzes, your three best midterm exams and the final exam. There are no assignments for extra credit. Your final score is a number between 0 and 100, it measures how much percent of the total available points you gathered. The components above do not contribute to the final score in the same way. The individual contributions to the final score are as follows:

Quizzes: 15%
Midterm Exams: 50%
Final Exam: 35%.

We are not giving grades based on effort. Even if you spend a large amount of your time on this lecture you may still receive a poor grade if your quiz or exam scores are low, so take them serious.

Each quiz is worth 10 points. Take the total score of your six best quizzes and divide by four. Denote the resulting number by $x$, $0 \leq x \leq 15$. Each midterm exam is worth 20 points. Let $s$ be the total score of your midterm exams and $y = \frac{5}{8}s$, then $0 \leq y \leq 50$. The final exam is worth 200 points. Multiply your final exam score by $\frac{35}{200}$ and denote the result by $z$ which is a number between 0 and 35. Your final score is the number $x + y + z$. It translates as follows into your final grade:
Final grade  final score
4.0 :  90-100
3.5 :  85-89.9
3.0 :  78-84.9
2.5 :  70-77.9
2.0 :  65-69.9
1.5 :  60-64.9
1.0 :  55-59.9
0 :  below 55

ACADEMIC HONESTY: The University’s policy concerning academic integrity is covered in the Spartan Life booklet, General Student Regulations. According to the handbook, "...no student shall claim or submit the work of another as one’s own".

MATHEMATICS LEARNING CENTER: The Mathematics Learning Center (MLC) provides assistance for students in Math 234 and other mathematics courses as well. It is located in the A-wing of Wells Hall. To use it, sign in at the window in the lobby. The monitor there will direct you to the appropriate room for Math 234. See the Mathematics Department’s webpage for the opening hours.

Tentative Schedule — is posted on my webpage —

Examination and Quiz Dates

Quiz #1: Tuesday, January, 18 (sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3)
Quiz #2: Tuesday, January 25 (sections 10.4, 10.5)

Exam 1:  Tuesday, February 1 (up 10 section 10.6)
Quiz #3: Tuesday, February 8 (sections 10.6, 10.7, 11.1)
Quiz #4: Tuesday, February 15 (sections 11.3, 12.1)

Exam 2:  Tuesday, February 22 (through section 12.4)
Quiz #5: Tuesday, March 1 (sections 12.5, 12.7)
Quiz #6: Tuesday, March 15 (sections 12.8, 13.1)
Quiz #7: Tuesday, March 22 (sections 13.2, 13.3)
Exam 3: Tuesday, March 29 (through section 13.6)

Quiz #8: Tuesday, April 5 (sections 14.1, 14.2)

Quiz #9: Tuesday, April 12 (sections 14.4, 14.5)

Exam 4: Tuesday, April 19 (through section 14.7)

Final Examination:

Wednesday, May 4, Location and time to be announced later. All Math 234 sections have a uniform final exam covering the entire material of the semester. If you have another final exam at the same time or more than two final exams on May 4 (including ours) then you might be eligible for the make-up final exam which usually takes place one day after the final exam. If you qualify for the make-up final exam, in order to take it, you must fill out a request in Wells Hall A 212 no later than Friday, April 29 and provide a recent copy of your schedule as documentation. You will not be allowed to take the make-up final without registering. Students taking the make-up final exam MUST have a pictured ID.

Other Important Dates

January 14: Close of computer/telephone enrollments. Last day to change to or from Credit/No credit or visitor grading options.

January 17: Martin Luther King day, classes cancelled

January 21: Last day to late add or change sections (within the same course).

Note: From 1/18 - 1/21, students MUST go to A 212 WH to make these changes.

February 4: Last day to drop a course and receive a 100 percent refund. No refunds after this date.

March 2: Middle of semester. Last day to drop a course with no grade reported.
Disclaimer

I have read and understood the document 'Course Information' for Math 234, section 61, which is posted at the instructor’s web page at www.math.msu.edu/~abbas.

(Please sign and print your name)