Syllabus for MTH 132 - Section 103

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General Course Information

• Class Times / Location: MWF 12:40-2:30, A232 Wells Hall.
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Instructor Contact Information

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• Office Hours: Monday, 3-4 pm, or by appointment.

Textbook

• Sections Covered: 2.1 - 2.6, 3.1 - 3.9, 4.1 - 4.7 and 5.1 - 5.6.

WeBWorK

Online homework will be assigned electronically through a WeBWorK server in the math department, and can be found at www.math.msu.edu/webwork/. Completing the WeBWorK homework is vital to your understanding of the subject material. It is important to begin with the first assignment, which is a tutorial in which you will learn how to enter answers, mathematical symbols, simplify expressions, and so on; this assignment counts towards your total WeBWorK grade.

The most up-to-date due dates and information will be given on the assignment itself, through the WeBWorK site. Prior to the due date, you will have multiple attempts to solve each problem, receiving immediate feedback, such as hints and whether the answer is correct. The maximum number of attempts will be indicated on the problem. There will be a two-day reduced credit period for most WeBWorK assignments, during which you will receive 3/4 credit for new parts of problems.

Note that clicking the ⟨Submit Answers⟩ button at the bottom of a problem counts as an attempt, so always use the ⟨Preview Answers⟩ button first to check that the answer is being interpreted correctly.

Quizzes, Exams, and Grading

• There will 5 in-class quizzes throughout the semester; the dates and topics are listed in the tentative schedule below. The quiz with the lowest score will be dropped (so it is possible to miss one quiz without affecting your score); thus, no make-up quizzes will be offered.

• There will be 3 hour-long midterm exams in class throughout the semester. No notes, books, calculators, phones or any other electronic devices will be allowed in any in-class quizzes or exams. There will be no make-up exams; exams may be excused in certain situations, but only if you arrange it with me in advance. Exams missed due to pre-scheduled travel will not be excused; in case of illness, documentation should be provided as soon as possible. Note that one of the grading options allows you to miss one exam without affecting your score.
• The final exam will be on Wednesday, June 25 from 12:40-2:30. The final exam will cover all sections, and you must take the final to pass the course.

• Grades will be calculated from the better of two options:

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15\% \text{ WeBWorK } + 20\% \text{ Quizzes } + 30\% \text{ Exams (15\% each from the best 2) } + 35\% \text{ Final Exam}
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or by

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The final grades will be assigned on the following scale:

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• Exams and quizzes, and their solutions, will be posted on the course webpage after the exam.

**Academic Honesty** MSU’s policy concerning academic integrity is covered in the Spartan Life booklet, under General Student Regulations. In particular, it states, "...no student shall claim or submit the work of another as one’s own." A score of zero will be awarded for any work which is believed to be copied or otherwise submitted under false pretenses. For more information about this and other scholarship issues, please consult the handbook or visit the Spartan Life website at http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu.

Cheating on any exam or quiz will not be tolerated, and will result (at a minimum) in a score of 0 for that assignment; such academic misconduct must be reported to the university.

**Important Dates**

• May 12: Classes begin.
• May 14: Open add ends (8:00 pm).
• May 22: Last day to drop with refund (8:00 pm).
• May 26: Memorial Day - no class.
• June 4: Last day to drop with no grade recorded (8:00 pm).
• June 26: Classes end.

Tentative Quiz / Exam schedule:

• May 16: Quiz 1 on sections 2.1 – 2.4.
• May 21: Exam 1 on sections 2.1 – 2.6.
• May 30: Quiz 2 on sections 3.1 – 3.6.
• June 4: Exam 2 on sections 3.1 – 3.9.
• June 9: Quiz 3 on sections 4.1 – 4.3.
• June 13: Quiz 4 on sections 4.4 – 4.7.
• June 18: Exam 3 on sections 4.1 – 4.7, 5.1 – 5.3.
• June 23: Quiz 5 on sections 5.4 – 5.6.
• June 25: Final Exam on all sections.

**MLC** The Math Learning Center will be open MTWTh from 12:30-5:10 pm, and online tutoring is available from 6:00-9:00 pm. For more information, see the MLC website at http://www.math.msu.edu/mlc/.

**Miscellaneous** Students are expected to attend all course meetings and are responsible for all the material covered in this course. Any changes to the syllabus or schedule will be announced in class.