Math132, Section013, Fall2009: Class information

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Lectures: Days: MWF; time: 10:20-11:10am; location: C104 Wells Hall  
Office hours: Mon. 2-3pm, Wed. 4-5pm, Fri. 3-4pm, and by appointment.

Attendance: You are expected to be present for all class meetings so that you can be informed about homework, due dates, tests, exams and other matters relevant to the course.

Homework assignments: Homework is assigned weekly with indicated due date and will be posted on my website as well. It will be discussed during my office hours and briefly at the beginning of the next lecture. It is important to do all assignments because most questions on tests and the final exam are minor variations of these problems or examples given during the lectures. If you have difficulty with the homework, you should seek help as soon as possible either at the Mathematics Learning Center or during my office hours.

No late homework is accepted. A few problems from each assignment will be graded. There are roughly 14 assignments. Each assignment is worth 20 points. The total points for homework assignments are 280 points.

Tests: There will be four in-class tests. Each will be worth 100 points. Each of these tests will cover only the material since the previous test. The tentative dates are Wed., Sept. 23; Mon., Oct. 19; Mon., Nov. 16 and Wed., Dec. 9.

Final exam: There will be a uniform comprehensive final exam on Dec. 14, 10:00am to 12:00 noon. The final will be worth 200 points. The room location will be announced when the information is available.

Makeup exams: No makeup exams will be allowed except for medical and family emergency. A written note from an appropriate person is required. If you are a student athlete, please let me know ahead of time if your team travel schedule conflicts with a scheduled exam. A missed test or a missed final exam will receive zero points.

Gateway exams: All MTH132 students are required to take the Gateway Exams. There are two during the semester. The first Gateway Exam begins on Sept. 8 and ends on Sept. 27. The second Gateway Exam begins on Oct. 25 and ends on Nov. 13. A student will receive 20 points for passing both of the two exams, 10 points for passing only one of them,
and zero points for never passing any one of them. For guidelines, room location and daily schedules on Gateway Exams, please visit http://www.math.msu.edu/CurrentStudents/Gateway/masterschedule.aspx

Semester Grade: Your semester grade will be determined by the percentage of your total number of points. There are 900 points in total. The following grading scale (subject to minor change) will be used: 90-100%, 4.0; 85-89%, 3.5; 79-84%, 3.0; 73-78%, 2.5; 65-72%, 2.0; 60-64%, 1.5; 55-59%, 1.0; 0-54%, 0.0.

Calculators and computers: Calculators and/or computers are not required for this section and will not be allowed during tests or the final exam.

Supplemental materials will be handed out during lectures and posted on my website.

Course handouts: Tests and assignments that are not picked up in class can be picked up in my office during my office hours.

Important dates:
Monday - 09/07/09 - Labor Day - University closed.
Wednesday - 09/09/09 - Online open add period for Fall ends at 8pm.
Thursday 09/10/09 to Wednesday 09/16/09 - Students go to Undergraduate office, A212 Wells Hall for Mathematics enrollment changes. (late adds, drop to lower course, section changes).
Wednesday - 09/16/09 - Last day to late add a course or change sections within a course. Last day to drop to a lower level course.
Monday - 09/28/09 - End of Tuition Refund.
Wednesday - 10/21/09 - Last day to drop a course without a grade being reported.
Thursday 11/26/09 to Friday 11/27/09 - Thanksgiving Break.
Friday - 12/11/09 - Last day of classes.

The Math Learning Center: It is located on the first floor, A-wing, of Wells Hall. The weekly hours starting from Tuesday, Sept. 8 are: Monday: 10:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.; Tuesday: 10:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.; Wednesday: 10:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.; Thursday: 10:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.; Friday: 10:10 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.; Sunday: 4:00 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.

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.” When taking a test or quiz, don’t attempt to copy the work from another student’s paper and don’t refer to any material you have brought with you. You are on your honor to abide by these regulations.