

COURSE POLICY STATEMENT

SM315 -- SECTIONS 4001 – Fall 2008

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Period	Time	M	T	W	T	F
1	0755-0845	Instruction	Instruction	Instruction	Research Day	Instruction
2	0855-0945	Instruction	Instruction	Instruction		Instruction
3	0955-1045					
4	1055-1145	Instruction	PT	Instruction		Instruction
Lunch	1145-1330	PT/Lunch	PT/Lunch	PT/Lunch		PT/Lunch
5	1330-1420					
6	1430-1520					
	1530-1620			Math Lab		

FORMAL INSTRUCTION:

- (1) Bring your book, calculator, mechanical pencil, graph paper, eraser, and homework!
- (2) Don't sleep in class! You may stand to stay alert.
- (3) Non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks that don't crinkle or crunch or OK.
- (4) Course hours will not be adjusted to accommodate weekend plans/events.
- (5) I record all absences/tardiness daily on MIDS. I do not adjudicate.
- (6) If you see a mistake during instruction, stop me and correct my error.
- (7) If you are late or must leave early, request permission to enter/depart.
- (8) **Section Leader:** If I am absent and a substitute is not present, assign productive work, and report to the math department chair. Do not dismiss the section early.

GRADES: (>=89.5%-A, >=79.5%-B, >=69.5%-C, >=59.5%-D)

- (1) Quizzes – 20% Projects– 20% Hourly Tests – 40% Final – 20%
- (2) I expect at least a 74.5 average on my tests. If the class average is below this I will normalize the test grades.
- (3) If you get a 'D' on the final, the highest possible course grade is a 'B'.
- (4) Likewise, if you get an 'F' on the final, the possible course grade is a 'C'.
- (5) Your final exam grade will become your final grade if it exceeds your 15 week grade.

HOMEWORK

- (1) You will not do well unless you complete all daily assignments listed in the syllabus.
- (2) Homework is not collected.
- (3) Homework solutions are posted online at www.vjmath.com .
- (4) Group work is encouraged; however, copying another's homework will not help you.
- (5) Homework should be completed on using mechanical pencils and on graph paper when applicable.

QUIZES

- (1) All take home and posted weekly on the website.
- (2) You may work together on the quiz.
- (3) Quizzes are due on Wednesdays.

PROJECTS (4 Total):

- (1) Four programming projects will be given (use language of your choice to complete).
- (2) In lieu of a third test a team project will be assigned.

HOURLY TESTS (2 Total – 1 Hour):

- (1) Tests are closed book; however, you may bring one note sheet.
- (2) You may use your calculator; however, you must show your work. No Steps = No Credit.
- (3) Missing a Test: (Authorized Absence) Inform me in advance. A make-up will be scheduled.
(Unauthorized Absence) A test can be retaken but with a 20% penalty.

FINAL EXAM (3 Hours):

- (1) Final exam is open book.
- (2) Do not schedule leave until you know when your finals end.
- (3) If you have an authorized reason for missing the final, you will receive an incomplete for the course. You are obligated to complete it at a later date.

USE OF CALCULATORS/COMPUTERS:

- (1) You are expected to know how to use your TI200 and to have working knowledge of Maple, MATLAB, or Mathematica.
- (2) You may use your calculators/computers to complete homework assignments.
- (3) You may use calculators on tests, but you must show all steps to get full credit.

EXTRA INSTRUCTION (EI):

- (1) Peer-to-Peer: You will be set up in teams. Group study is a SMART THING TO DO!!!
- (2) I am available for EI any time that I am in my office (See schedule below).
- (3) MATLAB is staffed 6 periods a day in Chauvenet.

GENERAL:

- (1) Don't fall behind, catching up is impossible. If possible stay one day ahead.
- (2) Eat well; get a good work out and a good night's sleep daily.
- (3) If you have done well, reward yourself on Saturday and Sunday.

COURSE MOTTO's:

- (1) "Do the Homework ... Pass the Course" ... or
- (2) "I'm an Easy 'C', but a Hard 'A'" ... or
- (3) "Math is Best Learned Peer to Peer" ... or
- (4) "Live by Group Work"
- (5) "Calculator Abuse is an Addiction"
- (6) "Math is Learned from a Book, not from Above"

FINALLY

- (1) I reserve the right to alter this course policy. Written revisions are provided in advance of policy changes. Policy changes will not be grandfathered.

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