Calculus I

Math 251 AB/AH  
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Text: *Calculus; Single and Multivariable, 3rd Edition*, by Hughes-Hallett, Gleason, McCallum et al. We will cover chapters 1 through 5. A TI-83+ graphing calculator is required for the course.

Office: My office is in building 2, room 7307. It is on the same floor as the cafeteria. My office hours will be MWF 10:10 - 11:00 and TTh 11:10 - 12:00.

Attendance: Attendance on time is expected and required. If you know you will be absent, tell me before hand and get the assignment or call one of your classmates. Falling behind in a math class just doesn’t work. Irregular attendance is grounds for being dropped.

Homework: The only way to learn math is to practice. You will be completing the homework assignments for each section and submitting them to me online via eGrade. They will be due 5 minutes before class the class day after that section is completed in lecture. You will be able to resubmit answers to the problems as many times as you have time for until the moment it is due. To ”pass” that section of homework, you will need to get at least 80% of the problems correct by the time it is due. That afternoon, you will be able to see feedback on all of the problems so that you can see how to work correctly any problems that you got wrong. If you get at least 80% by the time it is due, you will get a ”10” on that homework assignment. If you get at least 80% you will get a ”5” on that homework assignment. If you never get at least 80%, you will get a ”0” on that homework assignment. The homework and quizzes together count for 15% of your grade in the class.

Quizzes: Some days when homework is due, I will start the class with a short ”pop” quiz. These will be unannounced, and will be a problem straight out of the homework. Other days we will have a ”group” quiz in which you will work together with three other classmates during the whole class time. I will try to give you a day or two notice for group quizzes. They will cover the material from the previous few days or so. There will be no make-up quizzes. The homework and quizzes together count for 15% of your grade in the class.

Exams: There will be 5 exams. They are listed on the homework sheet. You are allowed to bring in one 3 inch by 5 inch note card to each exam. There will be no make-up exams, but your lowest score will be worth half as much as each of your higher exams. Exams will count for 65% of your grade in the class.

Final: The final exam will be given on Monday, May 24 from 11:10 - 1:40 and will be held in our classroom. The final is cumulative and will count for 20% of your grade.

Grading: To get a C in this class, you must have a C average on the exams and the final. The homework and quiz grade will not enable a student to pass who has not, on average, passed the exams and final. All letter grades will be determined by the following standard grading curve:

- grade ≥ 90% A
- 80% ≤ grade < 90% B
- 70% ≤ grade < 80% C
- 60% ≤ grade < 70% D
- grade < 60% F

Important Dates: Feb 2 → Last day to drop with partial refund. Feb 13 - 16 → President’s Weekend. Feb 17 → Last day to drop without a ”W”. Apr 12 - 18 → Spring Break! Apr 29 → Last day to withdraw. May 24 → Final Exam.