

Math 111

Fall Term 2008

MTWTF 10:00-10:50 PM 301 Deady
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Course Description:

Math 111 is a pre-calculus course. Students wanting only proficiency in math for the Bachelor of Science should consider taking math 105 - 107.

Useful Items:

- Text: *Contemporary Precalculus A Graphing Approach, Fifth Edition* by Thomas Hungerford.

Important Dates:

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| 10/24 | Midterm I | 10/6 | Last day to drop without a W |
| 11/14 | Midterm II | 10/8 | Last day to add a class |
| 12/8 | Final (Monday 10:15) | 11/16 | Last day to withdraw |

Notes:

- There will be no tolerance for cheating. If caught, any and all disciplinary action will be pursued. All exams and quizzes are to be done individually unless otherwise specified. You are encouraged, however, to work together on the homework and form study groups outside of class.
- If you need any special accommodations, please let me know.
- Attendance will not be taken, but I highly encourage everyone to attend. The best way for you to do well, is to come and ask questions.
- While I have attempted to make this syllabus as complete as possible, adjustments will be made throughout the course. Announcements will be made during class and it is the responsibility of the student to keep updated if class is missed.

Homework Policy:

Homework will be assigned regularly from Web Assign with due dates announced in class. Ten minutes of class time will be set aside on days when an assignment is due to answer homework questions. To make the best use of this period I advise you to copy down the questions you have and bring them to class. Note that sometimes Web Assign randomizes

the numbers so that individuals may have slightly different problems. Thus, when answering questions I may not be considering your specific problem, however the techniques I use will usually still apply.

To access Web Assign you need to first purchase an access code from the Duck Store or from WebAssign's webpage (<http://webassign.net>) for \$10 and have a Blackboard account. Follow the steps below:

1. Log into Blackboard
2. Select MATH 111 from the list of courses on the right.
3. Select the Course Tools icon from the Tools menu on the left.
4. Browse to the WebAssign link appearing in the main window.

Mini Quizzes:

Small five minute quizzes emphasizing computational and algebraic skills will be given in sporadic bursts throughout the quarter. Practicing these skills will decrease the number of mistakes on exams and thus increase overall scores. The mini-quizzes will be administered until the class average is above 75%. Make up mini-quizzes can be scheduled provided they are done in a timely manner.

Quizzes:

A quiz is given every week at the instructor's discretion. The first of these is THIS Wednesday with a readiness quiz that is given to all 111 students in the last ten minutes of class. Generally you will be given 20 to 25 minutes for the quizzes at the end of classes. No make up quizzes, unless previously arranged, will be given, but I will drop the lowest scoring quiz so that you have some flexibility.

Outside Resources:

Come visit me if you have questions! If you do miss my office hours and can't seem to locate a peer, there are additional resources available. Math 111 help sessions are offered Monday - Thursday from 3:00-5:00 at a location that will be announced. Also the Academic Learning Services (als.uoregon.edu) can offer a number of different tutoring services that might suite your fancy.

Grades: The following weights will be used to calculate your grade with the provision that the course grade cannot be more than one letter grade different from that received on the final exam.

| | | % | Grade |
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| Mini-Quizzes (top 2) | 5% | 100-90 | A |
| Homework | 10% | 89-80 | B |
| Quizzes | 20% | 79-70 | C |
| 2 Midterms | 35% | 69-60 | D |
| Final | 30% | 59-0 | F |