

Syllabus for MTH 32

1. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

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2. TESTS

- There will be 3 tests during the semester, and a fourth exam (the final exam), after the semester. The lowest of your 3 in-class tests will be dropped completely. The final exam cannot be dropped.
- For each test, you are responsible for all material covered prior to it. The final exam will be comprehensive, covering all the course material.
- There are no make-up exams.

3. IN-CLASS WORK

- We will have regular “in-class” assignments (often done in groups). They will be worth 5 points, with a possible grade of 3, 4, or 5.
- You can typically hand in such an assignment the same day or by the next class meeting, at the latest.
- If you are not present for a class when an in-class assignment is handed out, you will receive a 0 for that assignment (except under extenuating circumstances cleared by the professor). However, if you are present and put in some work, you will get at least a 3.
- Your lowest in-class assignment grade will be dropped.

4. HOMEWORK

- There will be two kinds of homework: Paper-and-pencil homework, and WEBWORK homework. The WEBWORK homework is done online, on a computer. For the paper-and-pencil homework, there are 4 in total, one due before each of the exams.
- Late homework is not accepted. However, your lowest handwritten homework grade will be dropped. I also essentially drop your lowest couple of WeBWork homeworks; in fact I do better: I simply add 5 % points to your WEBWORK homework score at the end of the semester (though your score can't go above 100%).

5. PARTICIPATION

- To get a variety of students participating in the class, each class 3 students will be selected to be on the Triumvirate; this will be scheduled in advance. These 3 students will be on call for questions that no one else wants to answer!
- Every time you are on the Triumvirate you will get credit for that day (how accurate you are is not relevant to your grade!). You will get a Participation grade based on how many times you are on the Triumvirate.
- You can miss one time without it affecting your Participation grade. Also, if you are absent for your day on the Triumvirate, I will try to get you back on it as soon as possible, however, not if it interferes with a scheduled student's Participation grade.

6. GRADING

Your final numerical grade will be determined as follows:

- (a) Final Exam: 30%
- (b) In-Class Tests: 40% (i.e. your 2 highest tests count 20% each)
- (c) Homework: 18%
- (d) In-Class Assignments: 8%
- (e) Participation: 4%

From the final numerical grade, the guaranteed minimum term grade is as follows:

A- for 90 or above, B- for 80 or above, C- for 70 or above, D- for 60 or above

7. EXPECTATIONS

Respect. You are expected to show respect for the other students, the professor, and the class environment. In particular, behavior which disrupts the learning of other students will not be tolerated (for example, engaging in a conversation while I am lecturing).

Integrity. It is expected that you do not plagiarize or copy. Cheating during an exam will have the minimal consequence of a zero on that exam (and it would not be dropped) and being reported to the administration; and it could result in an immediate F for the course and have more serious consequences.

Class Attendance. You are responsible for everything discussed in class. If you miss class, it is *your responsibility* to find out what you missed. There will be in-class work, which you can **not** make up if you miss class.