DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPLEMENT FOR CONTEMPORARY MATH
MATH 0053 – FALL 2019

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Course Description: This course supports students in developing skills, strategies, and reasoning needed to succeed in Contemporary Mathematics. Topics include the theory of elections and apportionment, graphs and networks, and statistics.

Materials Needed: Students will be required to have one binder to organize all Math 0053 and Math 1053 materials (handouts, notes, etc) and a calculator (any kind except on cell phone). These need to be brought to class every day. Students will also be required to purchase access to MyMathLab for their Math 1053 course. Access to the online copy of the textbook is included with MyMathLab.

Participation: Students are required to participate in daily in-class activities such as handouts, quiz corrections, group work, discussions, or presentations. A participation grade will be a portion of your final grade. In-class activities may be graded and may not be made up outside of class. Failure to participate in class will negatively affect your course grade. Use of cell phone during class will result in a participation grade of 0% for the day.
                  ALL cell phones/texting must be turned OFF and put away during class time.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken every day, and an attendance grade will be a portion of your final course grade. If you are absent from more than 2 classes, your attendance grade will be negatively affected. Starting with the third absence, points will be deducted from your attendance grade. If you are absent for more than 4 classes you may be dropped from the class with a grade of F. If you are instructor-dropped from the class due to attendance, then you have one week to complete a drop from Math 1053 with a W. If you do not process a drop from Math 1053 within one week, then you will be dropped with an F from Math 1053 also.

Late Arrivals: Any late arrival to class may be counted as an absence at the instructor's discretion. Students who need to leave class prior to the dismissal of class should speak to the instructor beforehand in order to not incur an absence. It is disruptive to the classroom environment for students to leave class for personal reasons and then return to the classroom.

Excused/Unexcused Absences: Absences are not categorized as excused or unexcused. All absences from class will be counted as official absences except authorized absences (as defined in the Student Handbook). If you miss class due to hospitalization or a death in your family, you should notify the Dean of Students immediately.

Authorized Absences: Absences due to required participation in university-sponsored activities must be approved by the Division Director or Athletic Director and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange with the instructor to make up all work missed during an authorized absence.

Last Day to Drop: The last date to drop a course with a W is Monday, October 28, 2019 by 4:00 pm.

Student Drops from Math 0053: Students will not be allowed to drop only Math 0053 due to it being a requirement for enrollment in Math 1053 by students who are not TSI-complete. Students will be allowed to withdraw from both Math 0053 and Math 1053 but only during the week of **October 21, 2019 to October 28, 2019**.

Grades: Grade points will be earned in three categories: attendance, participation, and in-class activities. In-class activities may include individual and group work, quizzes, or Math 1053 quiz corrections. The weight of each category is as follows: 25% Attendance, 25% Participation, 50% In-Class Activities. These earned grade points will result in the preliminary Development Support (DS) grade. This grade will be compared with the Math 1053 Contemporary Math course grade (CM) in order to determine the final course grade for this class. A weighted average (AV) will be calculated for each student and is equal to $AV = (.75)(CM) + (.25)(DS)$. If the student fails Math 1053, then the course grade for this class will be AV. If the student passes Math 1053 (A, B, C, or D), then the course grade for this class will be the higher of AV or DS.

Academic Policies: Students should refer to the current *MSU Student Handbook and Activities Calendar* and the *MSU Undergraduate Bulletin* for university policies on academic dishonesty, class attendance, student rights and activities.

 Disability Policy: In accordance with the law, MSU provides academic accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Students with disabilities must be registered with Disability Support Services before classroom accommodations can be provided. The DSS Office is located in Clark Student Center, Room 168, phone 397-4140.

Campus-Carry Policy: Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at http://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies.