

Course Syllabus: Contemporary Math

Math 1053

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Prerequisite

This course is designed for students who have earned credit in MATH 1003 or the equivalent.

Instructional Materials

MyLab (MML): This online course management program from Pearson Publishing is used for all assignments in the course. A specific MML course corresponding to Excursions in Modern Math by Tannenbaum, has been created for your class. You will need to purchase MML, either from the campus bookstore or directly online from the publisher when first accessing the MML website. When using MML for the first time, you may need to run a browser check and download necessary plug-ins. Please note that if you are waiting for financial aid or do not have a credit card, you can register for 14 days for free. Make sure you pay by the time your access expires. **The MML code for this course is fosnaugh76263 if you are in the 12:00 class and fosnaugh09277 if you are in the 2:00 class.**

You will also need a scientific calculator for this course.

Homework/Quizzes

An online homework assignment will be created for each textbook section covered in class. Online homework problems may be printed, and the answers entered at a later time. Homework must be completed by the due date in order to receive full credit. Once an assignment has passed its due date, you may access it through the MyMathLab gradebook and work on problems within the assignment without changing your grade on the assignment. Quizzes will be given frequently and cannot be made up. The first quiz will be given online through D2L and covers material found in the syllabus. Any student who fails to take this quiz will be required to read the syllabus aloud to me and then answer questions regarding material found in the syllabus for a maximum quiz grade of 50%. A student who does not take

the syllabus quiz and does not read the quiz to me by September 9 will have a 10% deduction from their quiz average at the end of the semester.

Grading

Each exam will contribute 23% toward the final course grade. Quizzes will contribute 15% and homework will contribute 16% toward the course grade.

**Note that extra credit will not be given in this course.

Exams

Make-up exams are not generally given; however, such exams may be given for an absence that is a result of a documented medical or personal emergency. If an exam is going to be missed due to an approved university activity, the student should request to take the exam early. For missed exams, timely notification (for emergencies, on or before the scheduled day of the exam, and for approved university activities, a week prior to the scheduled day of the exam) is necessary to receive consideration to make up the exam or take the exam early. Once graded exams have been returned to the class, which usually occurs during the class meeting following the day of the exam, it will no longer be possible to make up a missed exam. No student will be allowed to make up more than one exam during the semester. No exams may be made up due to a student scheduling a vacation on a day when classes are in session.

Tentative exam dates are September 30, November 4 and Dec 11 (at 3:30 for the 12:00 class and at 5:45 for the 2:00 class).

Computer Requirements

This class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ***Assignments are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. **Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!**

Adhering to Scheduled Class Time

Students should make every effort to arrive to class on time and remain for the entire class period. Arriving late and leaving early is a disruption to me and to fellow students. Excessive lateness will ultimately lead to being counted absent on each day that you arrive late, which may eventually lead to being dropped with grades of F for excessive absences. Moreover, do not leave class in the middle to go get a drink or go to the restroom unless it is an emergency. Leaving in the middle of class will be counted as a tardy. Further emergencies should not be regular occurrences. If you have a medical condition that warrants needing to leave class on a

regular basis, please talk to me and provide me with a doctor's note indicating such.

Attendance

Midwestern State University's Attendance Policy, which is contained in the MSU Student Handbook, states that students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Among other things, the policy covers the university's position on authorized absences, including who students should contact to inform faculty in cases of personal emergency or illness requiring hospitalization or prolonged absence. You may wish to review MSU's Class Attendance Policy within the Student Handbook. With regard to this class, any student who accumulates more than three absences at any time in the semester may be instructor dropped from the course with a grade of F. In such cases, an email will be sent to the student using the student's email within D2L, as well as within MyMathLab, notifying the student that they should schedule an appointment to meet with the instructors to discuss their class attendance and possibly avoid the instructor drop with grades of F. The student has 48 hours from the time of the email to schedule a meeting with the instructor. Failure to schedule a meeting or failure to attend the scheduled meeting will result in dismissal from class with grades of F.

Any student who leaves class without the permission of the instructor is considered to be absent for the class period and any work submitted will not be graded. Any student caught doing work for another class, or being physically present but not mentally present and engaged in class, will be asked to leave and will be counted absent. A student who arrives more than fifteen minutes late is considered absent. Three late arrivals are considered an absence. A student who accumulates more than three absences and is not instructor dropped from the course with grades of F (see above) will lose 1% per absence from their final course average for Math 1053.

Excused or 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. Absences due to required participation in university-sponsored activities must be approved by the 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.

Drop Policies

Instructor Drops: Instructors may drop a student from class for disruptive conduct, consistently failing to complete class assignments, as well as excessive tardiness or excessive absences. A student dropped for any of these reasons will receive a course grade of "F".

Student Drops: The last day to drop in order to receive a "W" is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019. Drops after this date will receive a grade of "F". Students receiving financial aid should contact the financial aid office before initiating a student drop.

Academic Misconduct Policy

All work that you do that contributes to your course grade must be your own work. Any evidence that you submitted work that is not your own will result in receiving a grade of zero on the submitted work and possibly an F in the course. You may work together on homework, but you are responsible for understanding what you submit to be graded, and further no two students are ever to turn in work that appears to be identical. Teachers can detect when a student is copying homework from someone else in the class. Never let someone borrow your work. If you want to help someone understand how to work a problem, talk to them and give them advise or pointers, but never give them your completed work. In addition, copying solutions from online resources is considered cheating.

Cell Phone Policy

Please turn these off or place on silent and put them away prior to the beginning of class. Use of a cell phone or any other electronic device during class may result in the student's dismissal from class for the remainder of the period, in which case the student is counted absent and any graded work turned in on that day will receive a grade of zero. If the student is allowed to remain in class, the instructors may confiscate the cell phone for the duration of the class. Continued violation of the no cell phone use policy may result in a referral to the Dean of Students and/or the student may be withdrawn from the class by the instructor. Using a cell phone during a test or quiz will result in a grade of zero on the test or quiz, and you may receive further penalties under the academic misconduct policy.

Services for Students With Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance,

students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

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 & activities.

[Student Handbook 2017-18](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.