

# Contemporary Mathematics

Math 1053.1R4

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## Textbook & Instructional Materials

\**Excursions in Modern Mathematics*, Tannenbaum, 10th edition (Included electronically in MyLab Math).

You will do all of your homework in MyLab Math. The charges for this material have been posted to your student account at the Business Office. If you want to “opt out” of this program and the cost savings, you will receive the “opt out” instructions as you register for MyLabMath. If you choose to “opt out”, it is your responsibility to contact Pearson for instructions on registering for MyLabMath, and you will be without access to homework for up to a week.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact the MSU Bookstore (940) 397-4303.

## Calculators

You should have a scientific calculator. You will not need a graphing calculator, though you are welcome to use one. You are expected to bring your calculator to class each day.

You may \***not** use a phone or any device with internet access as a calculator on quizzes or tests. You may not share calculators during a quiz or test.

## Cell Phones

Unless you have permission, \*you should not be using your phone in class. I reserve the right to deduct points from your grade.

## Student Handbook

Refer to: \*[Student Handbook-2018-19](#)

## Grading

This course will be divided into three units, each worth one-third of the final grade. In each unit, your grade will be computed as follows:

Homework: 20%

Quizzes: 20%

Unit Exam: 60%

THERE IS \***NOT** A FINAL EXAM. (Continued on next page)

Your final grade will be based on the \*average of your three unit scores:

A: at least 90%

B: 80–89%

C: 70–79%

D: 60–69%

F: Less than 60%

#### Homework

Homework will be assigned using the MyLab system. \*Problems may be reworked as many times as you like, so a perfect homework score should be attainable. You will usually get three chances to get the answer correct. Simply select the “similar question” option if you want to improve your score or gain additional practice. Homework for each chapter will be due for 100% credit by class time \*on the day of the Chapter quiz/unit exam; you are encouraged to work on homework after each class period. Homework can be completed after the initial due date and before the unit exam for 75% credit. This reduction in credit only applies to work completed \*after the full credit deadline. Problems or parts of problems submitted correctly by the 100% deadline will receive full credit. \*After the unit exam, \*your homework score will be final.

**\*Required digital materials** for this course are part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. Students are charged for required course materials on their student account with the Business Office. Opt-out instructions will be sent to students’ official my.msutexas.edu email address on the second day of class. The price might save you a few dollars, but it introduces other problems. In addition, for those receiving financial aid, part of your first check will go to pay off the bookstore.

#### Quizzes

At least eleven quizzes will be given in class over the course of the semester. To have a make-up quizzes you should definitely inform me on or before the day of the quiz. A missed quiz will result in a grade of 0 on that quiz. A quiz missed for a university excused absence can be dropped from the unit grade computation as long as paperwork is completed at least two class days before the absence.

#### Exams

There will be three unit exams during the semester. The exams will be \*September 30, October 23, and December 4. If you must miss an exam, please let me know at least one week ahead of the test date and arrange to take the test early. Accommodations with less notice will be made only in the case of serious and unforeseeable circumstances. Notice must always be given as soon as possible; \*accommodations will generally not be made if notice is not given by 5:00 PM on the day of the exam.

### Academic Misconduct

Cheating on any work in this course will result in no credit for that work. Egregious or repeated incidents may result in more serious consequences, including a failing grade in the course, which may be permanent on your transcript, or dismissal from your academic program. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported as specified in the MSU student handbook. University academic dishonesty policies can be found at:

\*[https://msutexas.edu/student-life/\\_assets/files/handbook.pdf](https://msutexas.edu/student-life/_assets/files/handbook.pdf)

### Final Exam

There is \***no final exam** for this course. Class will end after the third exam.

### Attendance

You are expected to attend every class. This includes arriving on time, staying until the end, and being prepared and engaged. Missing more than eight classes (total for both Math 1053 and Math 0053) or portions of classes may result in being dropped from the course with an F. If you must miss class, it is your responsibility to talk to a classmate to find out what you missed. If you are required to quarantine or self-isolate, please contact your instructor to receive information on obtaining class notes.

### Computer Requirements

This class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete your homework assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer for 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 Tutoring and Academic Support Program. ***\*Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your homework! Our online homework can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student tech support from Pearson available to you.

### 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 Redwine Student Wellness Center, (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](#)

### Notice

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