

Course Syllabus: Contemporary Math
McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering
Math 1053
Spring 2021

Contact Information

Instructor: Dr. Linda Fosnaugh
Office: BO 118N
Virtual Office hours: Monday 4:00-5:00, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-11:00,
Wednesday 1:00-2:00
Office phone: (940) 397-4777
E-mail: linda.fosnaugh@msutexas.edu

Prerequisite

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

Class Meeting Days, Times, Location

Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am – 12:20 pm, in BO 209

Or

Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00 pm – 3:20 pm, in BO 312

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Required: MyMathLab for the text *Excursions in Modern Mathematics*, by Tannenbaum. 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. Any students who wish to opt-out of the Program and purchase the required course materials on their own must do so prior to 1/27/2021. Opt-out instructions are sent to students' official my.msutexas.edu email address after the first day of class. Please contact the MSU Bookstore if you have any questions about the opt-out process.

You can access MyMathLab at <https://www.pearson.com/mylab>. You will need to make a Pearson account with a login and password if you have not already done so. For Inclusive Access to the course fosnaugh42589 for the 11:00 class or fosnaugh74671 for the 2:00 class in MyLabandMastering, please use the following code.

WMTEMM-BLIDA-LEBEN-CUSHY-RIANT-SIRES

Additional Information: There is an eBook within MyMathLab, so purchasing a print copy is optional.

Calculator Requirement: You must have a scientific calculator for this course. A calculator such as a TI30XS will suffice. Bring your calculator with you to class daily.

Face Covering and other COVID-19 related Policies

Students are required to wear a mask/face covering while in this classroom. For the MSU Texas Facial Covering Requirement from the [MSU homepage](#) go to [Fall 2020 Return to Campus Updates](#), then to [Academic Instruction](#), then to [Facial Covering Requirement](#). You are also expected to self-screen yourself for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to campus each day. If you are concerned that you have COVID-19 symptoms or have had close exposure to COVID-19, self-isolate and follow the instructions given on page 36 of the [MSU Texas Task Force to Return to Campus](#) document. It is also important to email your professor and keep them informed.

Grading

Course Grade – Your grade will be based on Homework (done in MyMathLab), Quizzes (in class or within MyMathLab or within D2L), and Exams. Grades for Math 1053 (Contemporary Math) will be calculated using the following weights. The standard 90-80-70-60 grading scale will be used to assign course grades.

	Math 1053
Homework	16%
Quizzes	15%
General Exams	69%

**Note that there is no extra credit given in this course.

Taking Notes During Class

You are expected to take notes during every class. These notes should be clear and legible so that you can refer to them while completing your homework or studying for the course. I reserve the right to ask students to upload a copy of their class notes to D2L at any time, which may be graded for credit.

Homework Average

Homework will be assigned daily over the material that is covered in class or through videos posted in D2L. Homework will be completed within MyMathLab. Due dates will be assigned and will be included with each assignment within MyMathLab. Homework can be completed after the due date and before the unit exam for 75% credit. After the unit exam, your homework score will be final.

****Any student who fails to complete 7 or more homework assignments may be dropped from Math 1053 with a grade of F.**

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given frequently. Most (and possibly all) quizzes will be given in class, although some may be given within D2L or MML. Make-up quizzes will not be given.

The first quiz will cover material from the syllabus and will be administered on D2L. A student who fails to take this quiz will receive a 0 for that quiz. You have until 8:00 am on January 21, 2021, to complete the syllabus quiz. I will drop your two lowest quiz grades. A zero on the syllabus quiz will not be dropped at the end of the semester.

Exam Dates

The tentative exam dates are as follows:

Exam 1: Thursday, February 18, 2021

Exam 2: Thursday, March 18, 2021

Exam 3: Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 1:00-3:00 for the 11:00 class or
Thursday, April 29, 1:00-3:00 for the 2:00 class

Make Up 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. 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.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

On D2L I will post any announcements and reminders that I feel will be helpful as we go through the semester. We also plan to post any handouts given out in class. I will post links to math videos that we assign you to watch. I will also post grades within D2L.

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 advice 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 prior to the beginning of class. All cell phones must be placed face down on the desk/table in front of you. Use of a cell phone or any other electronic device (including earbuds) 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.

Punctuality and 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.

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 the instructors and to fellow students. 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 one of the instructors and provide her with a doctor's note indicating such.

In particular, what you need to know about being late to this class:

1. You will be considered late if you arrive late but within the first ten minutes of class.

2. Three late arrivals are considered an absence.
3. Do not leave class in the middle (to go get a drink or go to the restroom) unless it is an emergency. Any student who leaves in the middle of class and returns will be counted as late for the day. A student who habitually leaves and then returns to class may be dropped from the course for disruptive behavior.

In particular, what you need to know about being absent from this class:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. A student who arrives more than ten minutes late is considered absent.
4. 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.
5. A student who accumulates six absences may be instructor dropped from Math 1053 with a grade of F. In such cases, an email will be sent to the student using the student's email within D2L, 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 both classes with grades of F.

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.

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 the instructors and to fellow students. 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 the instructor and provide her with a doctor's note indicating such.

In particular, what you need to know about being late to this class:

4. You will be considered late if you arrive late but within the first ten minutes of class.
5. Three late arrivals are considered an absence.
6. Do not leave class in the middle (to go get a drink or go to the restroom) unless it is an emergency. Any student who leaves in the middle of class and returns will be counted as late for the day.

In particular, what you need to know about being absent from this class:

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. A student who arrives more than ten minutes late is considered absent.
9. 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.
10. A student who accumulates six absences may be instructor dropped from Math 1053 with a grade of F. In such cases, an email will be sent to the student using the student's email within D2L, 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 both classes with grades of F.

You may only attend class virtually if you are in quarantine/isolation. In this case, you must submit the COVID-19 Reporting Form for Students, which can be found at the following website:

https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?MSUTexas&layout_id=9

If you plan to attend class virtually because you are in quarantine/isolation, you must notify Dr. Fosnaugh by email no later than one hour before the class begins.

Any student attending class virtually must complete all of the following in order to be counted present:

1. You must attend the entire class virtually, and late policies still apply. You must have your camera on for the entire class as well.
2. You must be actively participate, which includes taking notes as if you were in class.
3. You must upload a copy of your completed notes to D2L within three hours of the end of the virtual class.
4. You must complete the homework assignment assigned on the day you attended virtually.

Technology Requirements

Some quizzes and exams may be given online in this course. These quizzes and exams may be proctored. You are required to have access to technology that allows for online proctoring (such as the Respondus Monitoring through D2L). You can find more information on these requirements on page 16 of the [MSU Texas Task Force to Return to Campus](#) document. In particular, you will need access to a computer with a webcam (not a Chromebook or a cell phone, ipads are compatible but not any other type of tablet) with the ability to download/use the appropriate D2L software.

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](#).

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

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 [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#).

When you need help with this course, where can you go?

1. To your professor's office

- You can attend virtual office hours hosted by Dr. Fosnaugh. When you do so, you will get one-on-one help from the instructor who is teaching the course you are taking. Information for how to attend virtual office hours will be in the newsfeed within D2L. Because there is no way to maintain social distancing in the office of Dr. Fosnaugh, she cannot offer assistance in her office at this time.
- You should have with you both your notes and all of the related work that you have done over the topics you are seeking help with.

2. The *Tutoring and Academic Support Program (TASP)*, located in Moffett Library, offers additional tutoring in math as well as other courses. You can find out more about their services by visiting their office or searching *TASP* on the MSU website. They offer tutoring Monday through Thursday 11:00am-6:00pm and Sunday 2:00pm-9:00pm. They also offer a Homework Help Lounge on Sunday-Thursday 2-9pm where you can work on math and get assistance from tutors as needed. NOTE from the TASP website:

"TASP will offer all tutoring sessions face-to-face following suit with MSU's social distancing plans in place including a required mask for your session, one tutee per 6ft table with a plexis-glass divider between tutor and tutee. Online appointments with an MSU tutor are available but only for students who are ill or showing symptoms."