

# Contemporary Mathematics

Math 1053.101

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## Contact Information

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## Class Meeting Days, Times, Location

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm in Bolin 213

## Textbook & Instructional Materials

**Required:** The student needs MyMathLab Excursions in Modern Math, ninth edition, 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 (09/7/21). 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.

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

Calculator Requirement: You must have a scientific calculator. Bring your calculator with you to class daily. Note that you may not be able to use your calculator on some tests/quizzes.

## Face Covering and other COVID-19 related Policies

Students are **encouraged** to wear a mask/face covering while in this classroom. 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 for reporting at <https://msutexas.edu/coronavirus/index.php>. It is also important to email your professor and keep them informed. For those who are required to quarantine or self-isolate, your professor will email a copy of class notes.

## 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%

### Homework

Homework will be assigned using the MyLab system. Problems may be worked as many times as you like, so a perfect homework score should be attainable. Homework for each chapter will be due for 100% credit on the day of the chapter quiz; you are encouraged to work on homework after each class period. 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.

### Quizzes

Quizzes will be given in class over the course of the semester. Most will be announced ahead of time, but some may not be. No make-up quizzes will be given. 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. Tentative exam dates are September 21, October 19, and December 3. 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.

### Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. On D2L I will post any announcements and reminders that I feel will be helpful as we go through the semester. I may post links to math videos that I assign you to watch. I will also post grades within D2L. Students are encouraged to download the BrightSpace Pulse App to access D2L without going to the MSU homepage.

### 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>

### Final Exam

There is no final exam for this course.

## 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 the instructor and provide her with a doctor's note indicating such.

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 four 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.
6. A student who is in required quarantine or self-isolation should email the professor to receive a copy of 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 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!!** 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.

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

1. To your professor's office Bolin 118N.
  - You can attend virtual office hours hosted by Dr. Fosnaugh. Information on how to attend virtual office hours is in the newsfeed within D2L. If you do come to my office in person, please be respectful and wear a mask.
  - 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.

### 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](#)

### Notice

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