

Contemporary Mathematics
Math 1053.1R1
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Textbook & Instructional Materials

Excursions in Modern Mathematics, Tannenbaum, 9th edition.

Calculators

You should have a calculator that will add, subtract, multiply, divide, and take square roots. 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. You may not share calculators.

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%

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 Math 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 for that unit will be final.

Quizzes

Ten quizzes will be given in class over the course of the semester. Some quizzes will be given in class, and some will be online through D2L. 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. The exams will be September 25, October 16, and November 23.

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 or dismissal from your academic program. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported as specified in the MSU student handbook.

Final Exam

There will be no final exam in this course. The three unit grades will be averaged to compute your course grade.

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 five classes 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.

Face Covering and other COVID-19 related Policies

Students are required 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 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.

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. **You must be able to use Respondus Lockdown Monitor on your computer when taking exams in this course. Please see the instructions in D2L for the computer requirements.**

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.