

Contemporary Mathematics

Math 1053.1R2

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Textbook & Instructional Materials

You will do all your homework in MyLab Math for the textbook *Excursions in Modern Mathematics*, by Tannenbaum 10th edition. 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 in your my.msutexas.edu email on the second day of class. 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.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

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%

Under certain circumstances, the unit exam score and homework may be substituted for the unit average in the final grade computation.

Your final grade will be based on the average of your 3 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 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.

Homework will be assigned daily over the material that is covered in class. Homework is accessed through D2L by clicking on the MyLabMath Course Home link on the D2L homepage for Math 1053. Due dates will be assigned and will be included with each assignment within MyMathLab.

Quizzes

Eleven quizzes will be given in class over the course of the semester. Make-up quizzes will only be given if a student can take the quiz before it is given in class. 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 October 3rd, October 26th, and December 7th. If you must miss an exam, please let me know at least one week before the test date and arrange to take the test early. Accommodation with less notice will be made only in the case of serious and unforeseeable circumstances. Notice must always be given as soon as possible; accommodation 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>

Final Exam

There is no final exam for this course.

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 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](#).

Course Policies

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Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

This course will use D2L to distribute information. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program and to regularly check posted information. You can log into D2L through the MSU Homepage. Downloading the Brightspace Pulse app is also recommended. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Communicating with Me

The best way to reach me is by email (marcos.lopez@msutexas.edu). I will generally respond to email within 24 to 48 hours. I will be in my office during office hours each week and often at other times; feel free to stop by. Any communication not in writing or by email should be considered unofficial.

Office Hours

Office hours are times that I have set aside to answer questions about the course or course material. I am happy to answer questions about homework problems, quizzes and tests, study practices, grades, and other topics. If you wish to attend office hours in person, please wear a mask over your nose and mouth. If you prefer to attend virtually, please email to set up an appointment using Zoom. If it is impossible for you to attend scheduled office hours, email me to set up an appointment at another time.

Changes to Syllabus

Some portions of this syllabus may alter during the semester. When possible, I will announce changes in class as well as sending an email through the D2L email system. You are responsible for knowing everything I announce in class as well as everything I email to your address as listed in D2L. If you miss class, make sure you talk to someone who was there.

Student Handbook

Make sure you are familiar with the university policies as described in the [student handbook](#). This course will abide by all university policies.

Student Resources

For information about other services available to students, please visit the Student Resources web page at https://msutexas.edu/academics/scienceandmath/student_resources.php

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