

DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPLEMENT FOR CONTEMPORARY MATH
MATH 0053 – Spring 2024

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Course Description: This course supports students in developing skills, strategies, and reasoning needed to succeed in Contemporary Mathematics. Topics include the theory of elections and apportionment, graphs and networks, financial mathematics, and statistics.

Materials Needed: Students will be required to organize all Math 0053 and Math 1053 materials (handouts, notes, etc) and a calculator (any kind except on cell phone). These need to be brought to class every day. Students will also be required to have access to MyMathLab for their Math 1053 course. Access to the online copy of the textbook is included with MyMathLab.

Participation: Students are required to participate in daily in-class activities such as handouts, group work, discussions, or presentations. A participation grade will be a portion of your final grade. In-class activities may be graded and may not be made up outside of class. Failure to participate in class will negatively affect your course grade. Use of cell phone during class may result in a participation grade of 0% for the day.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken every day, and an attendance grade will be a portion of your final course grade. If you are absent from more than 4 classes (total for both Math 1053 and Math 0053), your attendance grade will be negatively affected. Starting with the fifth absence (total for both Math 1053 and Math 0053), 5 points will be deducted from your attendance grade. If you are absent for more than 8 classes (total for both Math 1053 and Math 0053) you may be dropped from the class with a grade of F. If you are instructor-dropped from the class due to attendance, then you have one week to complete a drop from Math 1053 with a W. If you do not process a drop from Math 1053 within one week, then you will be dropped with an F from Math 1053 also.

Late Arrivals: Any late arrival to class may be counted as an absence at the instructor's discretion. Students who need to leave class prior to the dismissal of class should speak to the instructor beforehand in order to not incur an absence. It is disruptive to the classroom environment for students to leave class for personal reasons and then return to the classroom.

Excused/Unexcused Absences: Absences are not categorized as excused or unexcused. All absences from class will be counted as official absences except authorized absences (as defined in the Student Handbook). If you miss class due to hospitalization or a death in your family, you should notify the Dean of Students immediately.

Authorized Absences: Absences due to required participation in university-sponsored activities must be approved by the Division Director or Athletic Director and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange with the instructor to make up all work missed during an authorized absence.

Last Day to Drop: The last date to drop a course with a W is Monday, March 25, 2024 by 4:00 pm.

Student Drops from Math 0053: Students will be allowed to withdraw from both Math 0053 and Math 1053 beginning March 18, 2024.

You may choose to drop MATH 1053 but not drop MATH 0053. You will be given your current grade in MATH 0053. You now have 2 options:

- a. At the end of the semester, I will record your MATH 0053 grade that you had when you withdrew from MATH 1053. You will not be required to attend any further classes. The next semester, you will repeat both co-requisite courses.
- b. You can request an ALEKS access code paid for by MCOSME to work through self-paced preparatory material for an algebra based college level course. During the week of final exams, you will take a proctored in-person exam over developmental material or retest on the TSIA2 – math portion. If you are successful on the proctored assessment or TSIA2 retest, I will record a C for MATH 0053, and you will now be TSI complete non-algebra based. If you are not successful on the proctored assessment or TSIA2 retest, I will record your MATH 0053 grade that you had when you withdrew from MATH 1053, and you will have a \$25 charge added to your MSU account to repay MCOSME for the ALEKS access.

Grades: If the student passes Math 1053 (CM) with an A, B, C, or D, then the course grade for the developmental support (DS) course will be calculated as follows:

$$DS = 25\%(\text{Attendance/Participation/In-class Activities}) + 75\%(\text{CM} + 10\% \text{Homework}).$$

If the student fails Math 1053, then the course grade for this class will be calculated using a weighted average $AV = (.75)(\text{CM}) + (.25)(\text{Attendance/Participation/In-class Activities})$.

Academic Policies: Students should refer to the current *MSU Student Handbook and Activities Calendar* and the *MSU Undergraduate Bulletin* for university policies on academic dishonesty, class attendance, student rights and activities.

Disability Policy: In accordance with the law, MSU provides academic accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Students with disabilities must be registered with Disability Support Services before classroom accommodations can be provided. The DSS Office is located in Clark Student Center, Room 168, phone 397-4140.

Campus-Carry Policy: 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 <http://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.