Contemporary Mathematics
Math 1053.1R2
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Textbook & Instructional Materials

You will do all of 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 as you register for MyLabMath. If you choose to "opt out", it is your responsibility to contact Pearson for instructions on registering for MyLabMath, and you will be without access to homework for up to a week.

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-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%

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 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 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.**

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 1, October 24, and December 5. 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.

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 nine 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. Students will be allowed to withdraw from MATH 1053 and MATH 0053 beginning October 21, 2024.

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 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.

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.

<u>Campus Carry</u>
Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit Campus Carry.

<u>Active Shooter</u>
The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit Safety / Emergency Procedures. Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "*Run. Hide. Fight.*" which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: *"Run. Hide. Fight."*

<u>Grade Appeals and Academic Honesty Checklist</u>
These checklists are available on the MCOSME website and provide information on the process for grade appeals or appeals of academic honesty sanctions. The Grade Appeal Checklist provides the timeline for appealing from the instructor to the next in line (dean of the college). The Academic Honesty Checklist describes the timeline for appealing from the instructor to the next in line (chair of department) and who must be notified of academic honesty infractions.

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