



**MIDWESTERN  
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## **Course Syllabus: Developmental Complement for Contemporary Mathematics**

College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering  
MATH 0053 Section 1R4  
Semester and Course dates

### **Contact Information**

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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.

### **Textbook & Instructional Materials**

Students will be required to organize all Math 0053 and Math 1053 materials (handouts, notes, etc) and have 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/attendance 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 for personal reasons 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 5 classes (total for both Math 1053 and Math 0053), your attendance grade will be negatively affected. Starting with the sixth 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 9 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, 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, a death in your family, or required quarantine/self-isolation, 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.

### **Student Drops from Math 0053**

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. 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.

### **Calculators**

You should have a scientific calculator. 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](#)

### **Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures**

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Office of Student Conduct](#)

### **Moffett Library**

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

### **Grading**

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:

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

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

## **Change of Schedule**

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

## **Refund and Repayment Policy**

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

## **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 Student Wellness Center, (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](#).

## **Emergency Aid Resources for Basic Needs**

Unexpected life circumstances can affect anyone. If you are experiencing challenges meeting basic needs—such as housing, utilities, food, transportation, healthcare, technology, textbooks or other life necessities, resources may be available to help. Visit the [Student Emergency Support and Resources webpage](#) to learn more, and explore emergency support opportunities through MSU and how to access them. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs: Clark Student Center #108, (940) 397-7500, [student.affairs@mstuexas.edu](mailto:student.affairs@mstuexas.edu).

## **College Policies**

*Campus Carry Rules/Policies*

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

### Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

### Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

### Campus Carry

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 has 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](#).

### Active Shooter

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 [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). 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."](#)

## **Grade Appeal Process**

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

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