



Course Syllabus: Developmental Supplement for Contemporary Mathematics

College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering
MATH 0053 Section 1R3
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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 MyLab Math 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. In general, three late arrivals will count as an absence. An arrival is considered late if a student arrives more than ten minutes past the scheduled beginning of the class.

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.

Last Day to Drop

The last date to drop a course with a W is Monday, November 23, 2026 by 4:00 pm.

Student Drops from MATH 0053

Students will be allowed to withdraw from both Math 0053 and Math 1053 beginning March 23, 2026.

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.

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

$$AV = (.75)(\text{CM}) + (.25)(\text{DS}).$$

Recording Classes

****Recording classes is generally prohibited without the professor's explicit permission.*** Such recordings, when permitted, are for personal use only and may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published without the professor's prior consent. Some faculty may not permit recordings of their classes. When it is feasible and appropriate, students may record classes to accommodate disabilities under the Americans With Disabilities Act, with prior approval of Disability Support Services. Such recordings may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published.

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.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

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

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

Midwestern State University seeks to provide a safe, healthy, pleasant environment for its faculty, staff, and students. To this end, the use of tobacco products, including smoke and smokeless tobacco, and the advertising, sale, free distribution, and discarding of tobacco products shall be prohibited in all indoor and outdoor facilities and in all university vehicles. The policy extends to faculty, staff, students, vendors, guests, and visitors.

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.