

Fundamentals of Math

Math 811 GW
MTWTh 12:10 - 1:15

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Materials: We will be using a text created by Skyline faculty specifically for this class. I will supplement the text periodically with handouts.

Office: My office is in building 2, room 2307. My office hours will be daily from 11:00 - 12:00. In addition, most days I can meet with you for the hour after class. Just ask during class to see if I have a meeting!

Attendance: Attendance on time is expected and required. If you know you will be absent, tell me before hand and get the assignment or call one of your classmates. Falling behind in a math class just doesn't work. Once you have more than 10 absences, I won't accept any late homework or quizzes.

Homework: I will expect you to complete the homework that I assign in class in time for the next day's meeting. I will collect the homework at the beginning of class after it was assigned and give points based on completeness. You will receive half-credit for any homework turned in late. Answers to homework are to be written on a separate piece of paper except for filling out tables or other things that are hard to reproduce. In that case, you may attach that page from the book to your other answer sheet. Homework counts for 10% of your grade in the class.

Quizzes: Some days when homework is due, I will start the class with a short "pop" quiz. These will be unannounced, and will be a problem straight out of the homework. Some days we will have a "group" quiz in which you will work together with three other classmates. There will be no make-up quizzes, but if you are absent (up to 10 times!) you may do the quiz you missed for "half-points." Quizzes count for 15% of your grade in the class.

Hours by Arrangement and Supplemental Instruction: You are required to complete extra hours outside of class in activities that contribute to your success in the class. The easiest way to do this is to attend the Supplemental Instruction class which will be held on Fridays from 12:10-1:30. If you are unable to attend this time because of your work schedule, you can arrange to make up the time in the Learning Center with the tutors. Hours by Arrangement count for 10% of your grade.

Participation: Each day that you are in class and participating, you will get 10 participation points. If you are late (arrive after I have taken roll), your points for the day go down to 5. Some days you will get a chance to earn extra participation points. Participation counts for 5% of your grade in the class.

Exams: There will be approximately 5 exams. You are allowed to use your book and your notes on the exams, but any handwritten notes must be written in your own handwriting. There will be no make-up exams, but your lowest score will be worth half as much as each of your higher exams. Exams will count for 45% of your grade in the class.

Final: The final exam will be given on Friday, December 12 from 11:10 - 1:40 and will be held in our classroom. The final is open note and open book. The final is cumulative and will count for 15% of your grade.

Grading: All letter grades will be determined by the following standard grading curve:

grade \geq 90.0%	A
80.0% \leq grade $<$ 90.0%	B
70.0% \leq grade $<$ 80.0%	C
60.0% \leq grade $<$ 70.0%	D
grade $<$ 60.0%	F

<u>Important Dates:</u>
Sep 12 \rightarrow last day to drop
Nov 17 \rightarrow last day to withdraw
Dec 12 \rightarrow Final Exam.