MA 15300 Fall 2020

• Instructor: Patrick Devlin
  • (you may call me Patrick).

• Office: MATH 804

• Email: pdevlin@purdue.edu (ALWAYS check the course websites FIRST before emailing)

• Office Hours: 11:30am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday in MATH 804
Course Websites

- Go to Brightspace to read through all the course materials (Syllabus, Schedule, etc.) and to view the course gradebook. **It is your responsibility to know all the course policies and understand all the course materials on the website.**

- Go to LON-CAPA to view the course content (notes and videos) and to complete homework assignments.

- **ALWAYS check Brightspace and/or LON-CAPA FIRST** when searching for class information.
Class Policies

• Attend every class
  – If you are able to learn the material on your own without attending class, you are STRONGLY encouraged to registered for the online section of the course

• Be on time

• Stay the duration of the class

• Take notes
  – Print the notes from https://web.ics.purdue.edu/~pdevlin/ (there is a lab on the third floor of this building) and complete them during class

• Do NOT bring a computer to class
  – If you plan to work on homework (or anything else on a computer) during class time, do it somewhere else

• Ask questions

• Be respectful

• Don’t speak when someone else is speaking
  – This is a big annoyance; if you intend to have a conversation with someone sitting near you, do it somewhere else

• If you know the answer to a question I ask in-class, say it
What To Do If You Miss Class

• Do your best to attend every class, but in the event that you do have to miss, do the following:
  – catch up on the material you missed by using the content and videos in LON-CAPA
  – watch a video of the lecture you missed using BoilerCast, which is available by going to Brightspace
  – complete the homework in LON-CAPA
    • keep in mind you cannot make-up any missed assignments (homework, quizzes, or exams), so do your best to attend each class and complete all homework assignments
Online Homework

• All homework is online in LON-CAPA

• Go to loncapa.purdue.edu and login using your Purdue username and password

• LON-CAPA is completely free, and you do not need to register; as long as you are a Purdue student and you are enrolled in this course, you will have access

• Online homework for each lesson will be due at 11:00pm on the day before the next lesson is covered

• THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENTS

• At the end of the semester, every student will receive a 10% bonus on their homework to account for unforeseen circumstances
Online Homework

• Students will receive \( \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^x \) points per problem, where \( x \) represents the number of incorrect attempts.

• Students may re-attempt problems they do not receive full credit on.

• Online homework is worth **50 total points** at the end of the semester.

• Complete each homework assignment well in advance of the due date/time.

• Read through the Recommendations for Completing Homework document at Brightspace.
Piazza

• Piazza is a discussion board that can be used to post questions regarding homework problems and/or exam problems (after the exams have been completed)

• Piazza can be accessed by going to Brightspace and clicking on Homework Information from the left-hand side of the screen

• If you are having trouble with a homework problem, do NOT email your instructor or the course coordinator, and do NOT send messages using LON-CAPA; use Piazza

• Visit Brightspace to the read through the Piazza Info and to get started
Quizzes

• Quizzes will be unannounced

• **THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES OR EARLY QUIZZES**

• At the end of the semester, every student will receive a 10% bonus on their quiz average to account for unforeseen circumstances

• Quizzes will be worth **50 points** at the end of the semester.

• **ANY STUDENT CAUGHT CHEATING ON A QUIZ WILL LOSE ALL THEIR QUIZ POINTS FOR THE ENTIRE SEMESTER**
Exams

• Every exam will be completed online using LON-CAPA
• Exams will be completed outside of regular class times
• There will be no make-up exams; if you miss an exam, you will receive a zero
• At the end of the semester, each student’s lowest exam score will be replaced with their Final Exam score (this does not apply to students who cheat on exams)
• Only one regular exam score can be replaced, and if your Final Exam score is your lowest score, there will be no replacement
• **NOTHING** will influence your final overall course grade more than your exam scores
Exam Dates

• Exam 1: Tuesday September 8th covering Lessons 1 – 5
• Exam 2: Tuesday September 22nd covering Lessons 6 – 10
• Exam 3: Tuesday October 6th covering Lessons 11 – 15
• Exam 4: Wednesday October 21st covering Lessons 16 – 21
• Exam 5: Wednesday November 4th covering Lessons 22 – 26
• Exam 6: Monday November 23rd covering Lessons 27 – 32
Final Exam

• The Final Exam will also be completed online using LON-CAPA

• The date and time of the final exam will be announced later this semester. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE FINAL EXAM EARLY.** Plan to the Final Exam during finals week (December 14th – 18th).

• Again, **NOTHING** will influence your final overall course grade more than your exam scores
Calculator Policy

• A TI-30Xa scientific calculator is the only handheld calculator that may be used on quizzes and exams (approx. $10 in the bookstore)
• Since exams will be completed online, students may also use a Windows computer desktop calculator in scientific view during exams
• Nothing else may be used and sharing calculators is not permitted
• Whatever you plan to use on the exams, TI-30Xa or Windows computer calculator, use the same thing on the homework.
• Take a look at the Calculator Tips document in Brightspace for help using the TI-30Xa handheld calculator and the Windows computer desktop calculator
Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

• Purdue University strives to make learning experiences accessible to all participants. If you anticipate or experience physical or academic barriers based on disability, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at drc@purdue.edu or by phone: 765-494-1247.

• In this mathematics course accommodations are managed between the instructor, student, and DRC Testing Center.

• Students should see instructors outside class hours before or after class or during office hours to share your Accommodation Memorandum for the current semester and discuss your accommodations as soon as possible.
University Grief Policy

In the unfortunate event of the loss of a loved one, students should contact the Office of the Dean of Students to request that a notice of his or her leave be sent to instructors. The student will provide documentation of the death or funeral service attended to the ODOS. Given proper documentation, the instructor will excuse the student from class and provide the opportunity to earn equivalent credit and to demonstrate evidence of meeting the learning outcomes for missed assignments or assessments. If the student is not satisfied with the implementation of this policy by a faculty member, he or she is encouraged to contact the Department Head and if necessary, the ODOS, for further review of his or her case. In a case where grades are negatively affected, the student may follow the established grade appeals process.
Emergency Preparedness

• Purdue University is a very safe campus and there is a low probability that a serious incident will occur here at Purdue. However, just as we receive a “safety briefing” each time we get on an aircraft, we want to emphasize our emergency procedures for evacuation and shelter in place incidents. Our preparedness will be critical IF an unexpected event occurs!

• EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES are based on a simple concept – if you hear a fire alarm inside, proceed outside. If you hear a siren outside, proceed inside.

• For more information on Emergency Preparedness at Purdue University, please visit www.purdue.edu/ehps/emergency_preparedness/.
Grades

- 50 points for each regular exam, 50 points for final exam, 50 points for online homework, 50 points for quizzes
- Course grading scale is available in the Syllabus; **BE SURE TO LOOK AT THE GRADING SCALE IN THE SYLLABUS AS IT MAY NOT BE THE SAME AS THE GRADING SCALE USED IN OTHER CLASSES**
- The 10% homework bonus and 10% quiz bonus are the only opportunities to earn extra credit; your final grade will be based solely on the total number of points earned
- Final overall course grades will be available in the Brightspace gradebook following the Final Exam
- **Nothing will influence your final course grade more than your exam scores**
Add/Section Changes

• Week 1: Use the myPurdue system

• 2nd week on: You must see the Course Coordinator (Patrick Devlin) in MATH 804 during office hours
  – 11:30am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday in MATH 804
  – You **MUST** see the course coordinator to have any drop/add forms signed.
Cheating Policy

• Short version: Don’t cheat

• Long version: Cheating is not tolerated! Grade penalties will always be imposed by the department. All cheating cases will also be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action (probation, suspension, expulsion).
Advice on Succeeding in MA 15300

• Attend **EVERY** class meeting and complete the lecture notes during class

• Complete each homework assignments for each lesson

• **Don’t fall behind**; stay current with homework and lectures, and if you feel like your struggling with the material, **get help immediately**

• Visit office hours regularly to get help with concepts from lessons, and to get individual questions answered
Help Resources Available On-Campus

- **Supplemental Instruction**
- **MATH Resource Room (MRR)**
- **WIEP-WISP Tutoring Program**
- **COSINE Evening Science Help Center**
- Piazza Discussion Board (available in Brightspace)
- **Office Hours**
  - The course coordinator’s office hours are available to ALL 153 students
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