MATH 142 — Spring 2006

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Office Hours: by appointment (I am here all day. If I know when you plan to visit me, I’ll be sure to be in my office, rather than at some random place in the building.)

Text Book: Calculus, Eighth Edition, by Anton, Bivens, Davis. We do Chapters 7, 8, 10, and 11.

Homework: To succeed in the course, DO (rather than read or watch) all of the homework, until you are sure that your answer is correct. Do the homework in a timely manner (that is, before I go over it in class). ASK about the problems that cause you difficulty.

I will assign a few homework problems each class. Be sure to do these problems before the next class. The quiz questions will be taken directly from the homework.

I will not collect and grade homework. On the other hand, if you want feedback on your work between exams and/or quizzes, then write it down and give it to me. I’ll tell you what is right and what is wrong and make suggestions. You can give me whatever you like: homework I have assigned, other problems from the text book, other relevant problems, etc. You should write your work up in a professional manner (that is, use nice handwriting, dark ink or dark pencil, write from left to right, top to bottom, in complete sentences, etc.) I don’t see any point in you giving me a solution which you copied from the text book or from the blackboard.

Drop Date: The last day to drop without receiving a WF: Monday, February 20. You will have two exams and 6 quizzes before that day.
Attendance: I expect you to attend all classes. A grade penalty will be exacted if you have an excessive number of absences (*whether excused or unexcused*); see the Bulletin of Undergraduate Studies (http://www.sc.edu/bulletin/ugrad/acadregs.html). If you plan to leave before class is over, the correct procedure is to mention this to me before I start class. It is impolite, disruptive, and a bad idea to leave class while I am lecturing unless you have followed this procedure.

Old Exams: The exams I gave the last few time I taught this course are available at my web site. There are some patterns to look for because surely these patterns will continue in your course: Many of the exam questions come from the homework; so DO the homework in a timely manner. Many times a type of exam question is repeated from exam to exam; so if a problem causes you difficulty on an exam or quiz, make sure you know how to do it before the next exam or quiz.

Quizzes: There will be 17 quizzes. The quizzes will be given Thursday 1/12, Tuesday 1/17, Thursday 1/19, Tuesday 1/24, Thursday 2/2, Tuesday 2/7, Thursday 2/16, Tuesday 2/21, Thursday 2/23, Tuesday 2/28, Thursday 3/2, Tuesday 3/14, Thursday 3/23, Tuesday 3/28, Thursday 3/30, Tuesday 4/4, and Thursday 4/13. Each quiz will be worth five points. The quiz will consist of one problem from the previous night’s homework. I will drop your 2 lowest quiz scores and calculate your final quiz score out of 75. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES.

Hour Exams: There will be four hour exams. They will be given: Thursday, January 26, Tuesday, February 14, Thursday, March 16, and Tuesday, April 11.

Each hour exam is worth 100 points. I will drop your lowest exam score. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS.

Final Exam: The final exam is worth 200 points and will be given on Tuesday, May 2 at 9:00 AM.
Final Grade: 75 points Quiz score
300 points Exam score
200 points Final Exam
100 points Computer Lab grade
675 points Total.

607–675 A
540–606 B
472–539 C
405–471 D

If your performance at the end of the class indicates that you should receive a grade higher than is calculated from the above chart, then you will receive the higher grade.