

## Summer I 2008 MTH U115 Mathematical Thinking COURSE POLICIES

**Required Text:** Finite Mathematics with Applications by Lial, Hungerford & Holcomb, Custom Edition (the code for the online homework, MyMathLab is included). A class packet is also required and may be purchased at Gnomon Copy, 325 Huntington Avenue.

**General course objective:** This course focuses on the development of mathematical thinking and its use in a variety of contexts to translate real-world problems into mathematical form and, through analysis, to obtain new information and reach conclusions about the original problems.

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

1. Northeastern University is committed to the principles of intellectual honesty and integrity. All members of the Northeastern community are expected to maintain complete honesty in all academic work, presenting only that which is their own work in tests and assignments.

2. There will be periodic quizzes to keep students up to date on the material. The best 5 quizzes will be used to determine your quiz average. If you miss a quiz, for any reason, there is no make-up. If the absence is due to a university supported absence (i.e. jury duty, military duty, extended hospitalization, a university supported activity for which you must miss class, a scheduled game in which an athlete is participating or a religious holiday), then the following quiz will count twice to replace the missing grade. NOTE: This does NOT apply if you miss class due to the flu, a wedding, work, etc. We understand that students may have a valid reason to miss class. This is why we only count the best 5 quizzes to calculate your average.

**3. There will be a one-hour midterm and a two-hour, cumulative, departmental final exam. No student will be granted a request for a special final exam unless it is due to a registrar created conflict. If you miss either of these exams, for any reason other than a university sanctioned absence (see #2), you will receive a grade of zero, as there will be no make-up exams given. Our final exam is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 pm. The room and building of the final exam will be announced. Please check the final exam schedule before you make any travel plans for the end of the semester. A plane ticket home will not excuse you from this exam, so please plan accordingly.**

4. May 20 is the last day to file a final exam conflict form with the Registrar. The final exam schedule will be posted during the first week of classes. Please check that you do not have two exams scheduled at the same time or three exams scheduled for one day.

5. Homework will be assigned regularly. You can earn an additional quiz grade by completing the majority of exercises in each of the online assignments, in which case your additional quiz grade is your average for the online exercises. Additional problems will also be assigned from the book.

6. There is no "extra credit work" or "special project" available to make-up for poor grades at the end of the semester.

7. A calculator is required, preferably a TI-83.

8. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of what happens in the classroom, including announcements of possible exam (or quiz) date changes, material that will be covered and changes to the syllabus, which may occur. If classes are cancelled for any reason, scheduled quizzes or exams will be given the following class. Announcements will also be posted on the class page of [www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com).

9. Your grade in the course will be determined as follows:

Quizzes: 35%, Midterm 25%, and Final Exam: 40%

THERE IS NO SCALING OF QUIZ OR EXAM GRADES IN THIS COURSE.

You will be graded to the following scale:

Final Avg	Grade
96 – 100	A
92 – 95	A–
89 – 91	B+
86 – 88	B
83 – 85	B–
80 – 82	C+
77 – 79	C
75 – 76	C–
73 – 74	D+
71 – 72	D
69 – 70	D–
0 – 68	F

10. If you have a concern about this course that cannot be resolved by speaking with your instructor then please contact the Undergraduate Director of the Department of Mathematics, Professor Alexander Martsinkovsky, 471 Lake Hall, ext. 5510, [alexmart@neu.edu](mailto:alexmart@neu.edu).

11. You may receive any extra help in this course at the Math Tutoring Center in 540B NI. The tutoring center offers free tutoring on an individual basis. You just need to sign up for an appointment. Please seek help as soon as you experience any difficulty, do not wait until just before a quiz or exam.

Beginning Wednesday, May 7 the hours for the Tutoring Center in 540B NI are:  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Thursday 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

12. We encourage students with disabilities, including "invisible" disabilities like chronic diseases or learning disabilities, to discuss with your instructor, after class or during office hours, appropriate accommodations which might be helpful for you. Your disability must be verifiable. The Disabilities Resource Center (20 Dodge Hall, ext. 2675) can provide you with information and other assistance.