

Spring 2007 MTH U115 APPLICATIONS IN ALGEBRA COURSE POLICIES

Text: Finite Mathematics & Its Applications by Lial, Greenwell & Ritchey, 8th edition (the code for the online homework, MyMathLab is included). The text book is optional. You can purchase MyMathLab at the bookstore or online at www.coursecompass.com. Please purchase a class packet at Gnomon Copy, Huntington Ave.

General course objective: To introduce students to interesting and useful applications of mathematics while improving their basic skills, problem solving capabilities and understanding of the power of abstraction.

COURSE POLICIES:

1. There will be a weekly quiz to keep students up to date on the material. **If you miss a quiz there is no make-up.** If the absence is due to a university supported absence (i.e. jury duty, military duty, hospitalization, a university supported activity for which you must miss class, or a scheduled game in which an athlete is participating), then the following quiz will count twice to replace the missing grade. This does NOT apply if you miss class due to the flu, a wedding, work, etc. The best 8 of 10 quizzes will be used to determine your quiz average.
2. **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 you will receive a grade of zero, as there will be no make-up exams given. Our final exam is scheduled for FRIDAY, APRIL 27 at 3:30 PM. Please note that this is the last day of final exam week. A plane ticket home will not excuse you from this exam, so please plan accordingly.**
3. January 22 is the last day to file a final exam conflict form with the Registrar. The final exam schedule is posted. Please check that you do not have two exams scheduled at the same time or three exams scheduled for one day.
4. Your grade in the course will be determined as follows:
Quizzes: 30%, Midterm 30%, and Final Exam: 40%

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

You will be graded to the following scales:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**		ALL OTHER COLLEGES	
Final Avg	Grade	Final Avg	Grade
94 - 100	A	94 - 100	A
90 - 93	A-	90 - 93	A-
87 - 89	B+	87 - 89	B+
83 - 86	B	83 - 86	B
80 - 82	B-	80 - 82	B-
77 - 79	C+	77 - 79	C+
73 - 76	C	73 - 76	C
0 - 72	U	70 - 72	C-
		67 - 69	D+
		63 - 66	D
		60 - 62	D-
		0 - 59	F

5. **You must receive a grade of C or higher in this course to demonstrate proficiency in mathematics. A final grade lower than 73 will receive a U (unsatisfactory) and it will be necessary for you to repeat the course and receive a C or better in order to graduate.
6. Homework will be assigned regularly online. Students who complete the majority of problems in each homework assignment will gain an extra quiz grade that is equal to the homework grade average.
7. There is no “extra credit work” or “special project” available to make-up for poor grades at the end of the semester.
8. A calculator is required, preferably a TI-83.
9. 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.
10. If you have a concern about this course that cannot be resolved by speaking with your instructor then please contact the course coordinator, Joan Campbell, 543 NI, ext. 4882, j.campbell@neu.edu or Undergraduate Director of the Department of Mathematics, Professor Alexander Martsinkovsky, 471 Lake Hall, ext. 5510, 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 an exam. The date that the tutoring begins will be announced in class.

The hours for the Tutoring Center in 540B NI are:
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

In addition, tutoring is available in Snell Library. Go to the Peer Tutoring Center on the 2nd floor or call 373-2150 to schedule a tutor.

12. 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.
13. 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.