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Math 150A

Calculus I

Spring 2008

Class Meets: MWHF 11:00 – 11:50 in MH 480

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Text: *Calculus: Early Transcendentals* (6th edition), by J. Stewart. We will cover chapters 1 – 6 of the text.

Homework & Quizzes: Homework is a very important part of this course, and will be assigned weekly. Homework will be done through the webassign website, and will usually be due Wednesday before class. It is therefore necessary to obtain an account at www.webassign.net. You will be allowed to try problems as many times as you would like. Additionally, the website has many helpful features (tutorials, etc.) if you get stuck. Your first assignment is due this Friday, Jan 25, namely to go through the “intro to webassign” tutorial. The next homework, on sections 1.1-1.5, will be due next Wednesday, Jan 30. A grace period is allowed by the site until Feb 2, so begin the homework and start familiarizing yourself with the system asap.

Late homework will not be accepted. However, a 10% “leeway” will be given in the total homework/quiz score: Your total homework/quiz percentage will be calculated by the formula

$$\frac{\text{total \# points}}{(90\% \text{ of total possible points})}$$

It will be to your advantage to do as much of the homework as possible, even if you are not able to complete an entire assignment. In addition to the assigned homework, we will have several quizzes throughout the semester. These may or may not be announced beforehand.

Instructions for obtaining a webassign account:

- (1) Go to the website www.webassign.net
- (2) Click the red login button at the left.
- (3) Enter your username, the institution *fullerton*, and your password.
- (4) If you have an access card that came with the book, enter the code from the card. Otherwise, you will have to purchase an access code (\$25).

Exams: There will be two midterm examinations, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, and Friday, April 25. A comprehensive final examination will be given on Friday, May 16, as called for in the class schedule. No makeup exams will be given.

Group project: There will be one group project. You will form groups of 4-5 and write a report on a problem. The problems and format of the report will be discussed in class. The group project will be due May 5.

Remark on calculator use: Calculators will not be allowed on the exams. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you do not use them on homeworks either. However, it will be necessary on some of the problems to use a calculator for some of the numerical computations. These can be done with a simple pocket calculator. Use of symbolic functions of calculators (derivatives, integrals, etc.) is discouraged.

Grading: The semester grade will be based:

- 20% on your homework/quiz average
- 5% on your group project score
- 50% on your midterm examination average
- 25% on your final examination score

Plus/minus letter grades will be given when appropriate. In borderline cases, I reserve the right to raise any student's semester grade for contributing to our class with a positive attitude, hard work, and active participation.

Important dates: Tuesday, February 5 – Last day to drop without a grade of ‘W’
Friday, February 29 – Last day the math department will be flexible on the approval of withdrawal requests
Friday, April 18 – Last day to drop with a grade of ‘W’ for a “serious and compelling reason”

Holidays: Monday, February 18: President’s Day
Monday – Friday, March 31 – April 4: Spring recess

Additional Comments:

I encourage you to read the text, preferably those sections before they are covered in class. Even if you don't understand it, having an idea of what is going on will help you to understand the lectures.

Should you be forced to miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain the lecture notes and assignments from me or one of your classmates. As a courtesy to me as well as to your classmates, please arrive on time and remain seated until class is dismissed. If you absolutely must leave early, please let me know and sit near the door, so that you can leave with minimal disruption to the class. **Please turn off all pagers and cell phones.**

It is very important in any mathematics course to attend class, to do all assigned reading and homework conscientiously and thoroughly, and to get any questions you might have cleared up as quickly as possible. You are strongly encouraged to get help in class, before or after class, during scheduled office hours, or any other time you can catch me. You are also welcome to contact me via e-mail or phone. Studying with your fellow students is also strongly encouraged. However, the actual completion of the homework assignments should be done on your own.

Academic Dishonesty:

Students who violate university standards of academic integrity are subject to disciplinary sanctions, including failure in the course and suspension from the university. Since dishonesty in any form harms the individual, other students and the university, policies on academic integrity are strictly enforced. I expect that you will familiarize yourself with the academic integrity guidelines found in the current student handbook.

Academic dishonesty is cheating - obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for work by the use of any dishonest, deceptive, fraudulent, or unauthorized means, or helping someone else commit such an act. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Unacceptable examination behavior – communicating with fellow students, copying material from another student's exam or allowing another student to copy from an exam, possessing or using unauthorized materials, or any behavior that defeats the intent of an exam.
2. Plagiarism – taking the work of another and offering it as one's own without giving credit to that source, whether that material is paraphrased or copied in verbatim or near-verbatim form. **You are specifically not allowed to use or copy the work of a current or former student, or to take solutions from printed or electronic sources. You may only use course materials that have been explicitly approved by your instructor and that are freely available to all your classmates.**
3. Unauthorized collaboration on a project, homework or other assignment where an instructor expressly forbids such collaboration.

4. Documentary falsification including forgery, altering of campus documents or records, tampering with grading procedures, fabricating lab assignments, or altering medical excuses.

The first violation of these standards will result in a score of zero on the assignment or exam. A second violation will result in a grade of F for the course, and will be reported to the Dean of Students. You are encouraged to see me prior to submitting an assignment or taking an exam if you have any questions regarding these issues.

Emergency Information:

In the event of an emergency such as earthquake or fire:

- Take all your personal belongings and leave the classroom.
- Use the stairways located at the east, west, or center of the building. Do not use the elevators. They may not be working once the alarm sounds.
- Go to the lawn area towards Nutwood Avenue, at least 150 feet from the nearest building. Stay with class members for further instruction.
- For additional information on exits, fire alarms and telephones, **Building Evacuation Maps** are located near each elevator.
- Anyone who may have difficulty evacuating the building, please see your instructor.