MATH 211, Sections A1, A2, A3, Spring 07

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ABOUT OFFICE HOURS: Professor Bellout will be available to answer questions or address any concerns you have about the course each week during the hours listed above. You may just drop in during these hours. No appointment is necessary. You are encouraged to use these hours freely. If you need to meet with Professor Bellout and cannot come at any of these hours, please see him to make an appointment.

Ms. Wang will hold her office hours in the Math Assistance Center, which usually opens within the first two weeks of class. Once it does open you will be able to consult any of the T.A.'s manning it about mathematical questions. If you have questions about grades and course policy, you should consult either Professor Bellout or Ms. Wang.

GRADING: Grades will be based on 3 one-hour tests (300 points), quizzes (50 points), homework (50 points) and a final exam (200 points), for a total of 600 points.

HOMEWORK: Your homework assignment sheet is on the back of your syllabus. Some problems may be added or deleted as the semester progresses. Due dates for the assignments will be given in lecture. Homework will be collected on Fridays at the beginning of lecture. Only selected problems will be graded. Your best 10 homework scores will count as your homework grade. No late homework will be accepted. If you know you must miss a lecture, you may turn in your homework early.

QUIZZES: Quizzes will be given most Fridays in lecture. In addition, there may be pop quizzes in recitation or in lecture. Your best 10 quiz scores will count as your quiz grade. No makeup quizzes will be given.

HOUR EXAMS: (Dates: Friday Feb. 9, Friday Mar. 9, Friday Apr. 13.
No makeup exams will be given during the semester. If you have a legitimate reason for missing an exam and make arrangements with Professor Bellout BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EXAM, you may take a makeup exam at the END OF THE SEMESTER during finals week. The date of the makeup session will be determined late in the semester.

FINAL EXAM: (Date and Time: Tuesday, May 8, 4-5:50 PM) The final exam (unlike the midterms, which will be written by the instructor) is a department-wide exam, and will cover all of the course material. Copies of final exams from previous semesters will be made available later in the semester. In case you have another final exam scheduled at the same time, you must notify the instructors at least two weeks before the end of the term so that arrangements can be made to resolve the conflict.

EXPECTATIONS: We expect you to have a good command of basic algebraic computations and the fundamentals of functions and graphing (though the latter will be reviewed a bit at the beginning of the semester). If you cannot do the Appendix (Page 551) exercises with ease or find the first two sections of Chapter 1 difficult or unfamiliar, then your algebra background is probably insufficient to allow success in this course. If you suspect that this is the case, PLEASE SEE ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to make a determination while it is still early enough to transfer into an appropriate algebra course! Delay in doing so may mean a wasted semester for you and a setback in progress toward your degree.

You should expect to budget at least 2 hours of time to work on this course outside of class (reading, homework, study time) for every hour of lecture. That is, you can expect to spend at least SIX HOURS A WEEK on this course outside of class. A very few of you will not need that much time. Many of you will need more.