Discussion Section Syllabus for Math 34A, Fall 2008
(Course taught by Dr. Shu.)

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Dr. Shu’s website is the official website, and if you ever come across any conflicting information, please bring it to our attention.

Class Expectations

• Be here on time, with your class notes and textbook. Attendance is mandatory. If you will not be able to attend a discussion section please email me in advance.
• Make sure to attend the section for which you have signed up.
• Make sure you have reviewed your lecture notes from Dr. Shu’s classes before coming to discussion. Pay special attention to memorizing all definitions, as you will be called upon to answer questions.
• Going to the board. Everyone is expected to do work on the board throughout the semester (mostly as a group effort) to practice presenting and explaining mathematics to other students. This is not meant to be punitive, but to engage the whole class in active learning.
• Food: Nothing too loud or too big. Potato chips in a crinkly bag makes too much noise. Sandwiches and full dinners are also too distracting to be eaten in discussion sections.
• Cell phones: Must be turned off. If one rings in class, you may be asked to make a presentation on some topic from the course for the next week’s discussion section. This, on the contrary, might be considered punitive, but that depends; you could look at it as an additional learning opportunity.

Quizzes: There will be 5 pop quizzes throughout the semester and your lowest grade will be dropped. You will not be able to make up the quizzes if you are absent from section.

Webwork

• http://webwork.math.ucsb.edu
• Click on your course and sign in. (Log in names and passwords will be mailed to you on your umail account.) **Login ASAP to make sure you can get to your homework. If you miss a due date, you cannot make up the webwork later.**
• There is a link to a list of functions that you can use in Webwork at the right of your screen when you are doing a problem set. I have also included it here:
  http://webwork.math.rochester.edu/docs/docs/pglanguage/availableFunctions.html
• When you click on email instructor, make sure you start your email "Grace," because it goes out to all of the TA’s and if no one is sure who it is to, you might not get a response.

**Mathlab**:  
When: Monday-Friday 12-5 and 5-7.  
Where: South Hall 1607  
Mathlab is for math tutoring at all levels with rotating graduate student tutors. Students taking 34A may come whenever, however you will receive priority over students taking upper level math courses if you come from 12 to 5. I will be in the Mathlab from 12-2 on Fridays.

**Tutoring**: Another tutoring service is CLAS: Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) offer free tutorial services, sign up online at http://www.clas.ucsb.edu/ or SRB 3210.

**Students with Disabilities**: The following wording was taken from a module on Students with Disabilities from our TA training course.  
"If you need disability-related accommodations in this class, if you have emergency medical information you wish to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform me immediately. Please see me privately after class or in my office."

**Academic Integrity**: The following quote was taken from a module on Academic Integrity from our TA training course. The proper source is cited at the bottom.  
"Any test, paper, or report submitted by you and that bears your name is presumed to be your own original work that has not previously been submitted for credit in another course unless you obtain prior written approval to do so from your instructor.

In all of your assignments, including your homework or drafts of papers, you may use words or ideas written by other individuals in publications, Web sites, or other sources, but only with proper attribution. "Proper attribution" means that you have fully identified the original source and extent of your use of the words or ideas of others that you reproduce in your work for this course, usually in the form of a footnote or parenthesis...

If you are not clear about the expectations for completing an assignment or taking a test or examination, be sure to seek clarification from your instructor or TA beforehand.

Finally, you should keep in mind that as a member of the campus community, you are expected to demonstrate integrity in all of your academic endeavors and will be evaluated on your own merits. So be proud of your academic accomplishments and help to protect and promote academic integrity at UCSB. The consequences of cheating and academic dishonesty—including a formal discipline file, possible loss of future internship, scholarship, or employment opportunities, and denial of admission to graduate school—are simply not worth it."

Source: http://gsi.berkeley.edu/resources/