Math 8 Syllabus

Lecture: MWF 10:00-10:50. GIRV 2108


Material to be covered: Chapters 1-6, and selected topics if time permits.

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Discussions: Attendance is mandatory. Time: TR 6pm (ELLSN 2816), 7pm (Phelp 2514)
Quiz: There will be biweekly quizzes (except first and midterm week) in the discussions.

Homework: Homeworks assignments are posted each week on GauchoSpace and due Friday of the week at the end of the lecture. The graded homework will be returned to you in the discussion session. In consideration of the reader, no late homework will be checked.

Doing your homework regularly and carefully is essential for making Math 8 an enjoyable and profitable experience. It will be very hard to pass the course without a conscientious effort on the homework.

Exams Schedule: Midterm: Friday, May 4
Final: Monday, June 11, 8 — 11am

Note: Check your schedule now, for there will be no makeup exams.

Grading: Homework 10%; Quizzes 5%; Midterm 35%; Final 50%.
The lowest quiz and homework scores will be dropped when computing the final grade.

Important Date: Friday, April 27 — last day to drop class.
Math 8 Lab: South Hall 4519, Monday 2-3pm; Tuesday 12-1, 2-3pm; Wednesday 3-4pm; Thursday 2-3, 4-5pm

A Word of Advice: This course is different from other math classes you may have taken in the past. Reading the text (other than examples) is becoming crucial; ideally one should read the text and lecture notes right after each class to reinforce the understanding. In addition, more emphasis is placed on writing and expressing your ideas and thoughts clearly (and mathematically).

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