Math 1226 - CRN 19585

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Final Exam: Friday, May 8, 4:25pm–6:25pm.

Course Website: http://www.math.vt.edu/courses/math1226/

Communication: The primary form of communication outside the classroom is email. Please add 1226 in the subject, and check your emails at least once a day; you can expect the same from me.

Prerequisite: Math 1225 or an equivalent course. If you have credit for Math 1205, you should take Math 1206 (not Math 1226).

Math Emporium & Tutoring: The staff in the tutoring lab at the Math Emporium will be able to assist you with your questions. Since this course is not an Emporium course, it is not appropriate to approach the floor staff in the general area with your questions about Math 1226. The tutoring lab is open 4:30pm to 9:30pm Sunday through Thursday and from 10am to 1pm on Friday. Also, you may hire a private tutor by sending an email to MATH_TUTORS@listserv.vt.edu indicating your specific needs.

Disabilities: If you need adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.

Attendance: Class attendance will be taken daily and kept for Mathematics Department records. Students are responsible for course materials and announcements covered in class.

Graded Materials: Your final grade will be calculated as follows

   Three Mid-Term Exams (60%): Each midterm exam is worth 20% of the final grade. The potential dates are February 13, March 24 and April 24. Each date will be confirmed at least one week in advance.

   Final Exam (20%): There will be a final, two hour, cumulative exam. No calculators will be permitted on the final exam. The final exam is a required class
meeting that will not be rescheduled for discretionary reasons, including conflicts with work schedules and with classes and exams at other colleges. The final exam is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 4:25-6:25pm.

**WebAssign Quizzes (10%)**: Online quizzes will be given throughout the semester via WebAssign. You will have three attempts at each quiz, and the highest of your grades will be used.

**Homework / In-Class Quizzes (10%)**: Almost every lecture, I will assign homework due the next class meeting. Only under special circumstances (it would be announced the class before), will I grade the homework. Instead, your understanding of the homework will be mainly tested in class through unannounced in class quizzes, which can be given in the beginning, the middle or the end of the class. You have to let me know prior to class if you have to miss a class for a serious reason. Only then, will a possibly missed in-class quiz be dropped. Everything else will result in a zero on that quiz. You are encouraged to work with other students in our class or other 1226 classes on the homework, but the work that you hand in on quizzes must be your own. The Honor Code is in effect for all assignments. Depending on the number of in-class quizzes given throughout the semester, your lowest one or two in-class quiz grades will be dropped. Please be aware that quizzes (and exams) are also graded for clarity and thoroughness, not simply correctness. In fact, no credit should be expected if no work is shown.

**Grading Scale**: Final course grades will be assigned as follows: 90% guarantees an A-, 80% guarantees at least a B-, 70% guarantees at least a C-, and 60% guarantees at least a D-.

**Grading Appeals**: If you believe that an error has been made in grading an assignment or test, please re-examine the problem as well as the solution and contact me the next day. Any concern should be brought to my attention within one week of the graded work being returned.

**Make-up Policy**: Make-up tests or quizzes will not be given. For an excused absence from a test, a portion or all of the final exam will substitute for that test grade. Late work will not be accepted. (Exceptions to the late-work policy may be made for individuals in the event of serious illness or personal emergency at the instructor’s discretion; contact the instructor immediately if such a situation arises. Exceptions generally will be made only if the instructor is notified about any emergency prior to the due date of any affected graded work.)

**Honor System**: All assignments, tests, and quizzes submitted will be considered graded works and must be completed on an individual basis. While discussing assignments and getting help from available resources is both authorized and encouraged for out of class work, copying solutions from any source will be considered a violation of the honor code. If you have any questions about how the honor code applies to a particular situation, it is your responsibility to ask.

**Classroom Courtesy**: You and your classmates are entitled to learn in an atmosphere
of mutual respect, and freedom from distractions and disturbances. The following guidelines are in effect for this class:

• Students are expected to arrive on time and stay until class is dismissed.

• If you know ahead of time that you will be late or must leave early, please let me know in advance, sit as near the exit as possible, and enter or leave quietly.

• Talking to classmates during class, aside from group assignments, is disruptive to those around you. If you engage in such behavior, I can and may ask you to leave.

• Laptops used as a tablet PC are permitted provided they are used in the flat-on-the-desk position. Open laptops are not allowed.

• Reading magazines and newspapers while class is in session is inappropriate.

• Cell phones must be turned off and stored away before you enter the classroom.

• Please be patient with and respectful of others when they ask a question, even if the answer seems obvious to you.