Math 2204 - Multivariable Calculus, Fall 2015
Course Policies

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Class Meetings: T Th: 8:00 – 9:15 A.M., WLH 350
Office Hours: T: 3:00 – 5:00 P.M., W: 1:30 – 3:30 P.M., and by appointment
Course Website: http://www.math.vt.edu/courses/math2204/

Textbook


If you already purchased the 7th Ed. for MATH 1225 or 1226 during a previous semester at Virginia Tech, you do NOT have to buy the new edition and you may use your current WebAssign account. Sometime during the second week of classes, your WebAssign account will be automatically upgraded (at no charge) to allow you to view the 8th edition of the textbook online and access assignments with 8th edition WebAssign problems. Until the upgrade occurs, you can access the textbook and assignments using the WebAssign trial period.

If you do not already have the textbook and WebAssign code from a previous calculus course here at Virginia Tech, it will probably be cheapest for you to buy a new textbook bundled with the WebAssign code. Do not purchase WebAssign or the textbook through WebAssign’s website. The university bookstore has negotiated a better price.

Scholar

I have set up a page for this course on Scholar. I will post all announcements and homework assignments there, so check often.

Attendance

All students are strongly encouraged to attend every class. It is the student’s responsibility to keep informed of any class material, announcements, syllabus adjustments, or policy changes discussed during scheduled classes. I will do my best to post announcements on Scholar. However, you are still responsible for all class announcements, not just those that get posted to the course page. Per departmental policy, attendance will be taken every class meeting.

Honor System

The Virginia Tech Honor System will be strictly enforced. All assignments submitted will be considered graded work and must be completed on an individual basis. Assignments may be completed in collaboration with others, but the final write-up must be done individually. Copying solutions or parts of solutions from any source is a violation of the honor code, as is sharing your solutions with others. Specifically, this policy prohibits the revising, rephrasing, or inclusion of work from any source prepared by anyone other than the student himself/herself. If you have any questions about how the honor code applies to a particular situation, it is your responsibility to ask.
Homework

Homework will have two components: WebAssign and a written part. The online component will be furnished by WebAssign. Access to WebAssign is included with the purchase of your textbook. **If you do not already have a subscription to WebAssign, you must purchase a WebAssign subscription or a book/WebAssign bundle through the book store.** Late WebAssign submissions will not be accepted under any circumstance; your lowest WebAssign score will be dropped.

Written problem sets will be assigned periodically and will be graded. You may work on the homework with other students in the class, but you must turn in your work and **your work alone.** Late homework will not be accepted under any circumstances; your lowest two written homework scores will be dropped.

Midterm Exams

There will be three midterm exams. The exams are closed book (no calculators, computers, phones or other handheld devices, formula sheets, textbook, notes, etc.) unless exceptions are specifically announced.

No make-up exams will be given unless you have a valid, documented excuse. A note from Shiffert saying you were at the doctor for an unspecified reason is **not** sufficient documentation to excuse an exam. In the event that an exam is missed for reasons that are serious, unavoidable, and beyond the students control, the situation will be handled on an individual basis. Exceptions generally will be considered only if I am notified prior to the missed exam and if appropriate documentation is received within 2 days of the missed test date.

Final Exam

The final exam for this course is scheduled on Wednesday, December 16, from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. The final is a required class meeting that **will not** be rescheduled for discretionary reasons, including (but not limited to) conflicts with work schedules, conflicts with classes and/or exams at other colleges, or travel arrangements. The final is comprised of two one-hour portions, both of which are comprehensive: the first half of the exam is a multiple-choice test **which will not be written by me.** The second half will be a free-response exam written by me.

Grading

Final grades will be computed according to the following weights:

- Written Homework: 10%
- WebAssign Homework: 10%
- Midterm I: 20%
- Midterm II: 20%
- Midterm III: 20%
- Final Exam: 20%

A raw grade of 90% guarantees an A−, 80% guarantees a B−, 70% guarantees a C−, and 60% guarantees a D−. The instructor reserves the right to assign ± grades at his discretion.

Disability Statement

It is the policy of the University, as well as the instructor, that students with a disability receive fair and equal treatment in this course. If you have a documented disability that requires academic adjustments or accommodations, please speak with me during the first two days of class.