Math 2204 Intro Multivariable Calculus

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Textbook:

If you have already purchased the Stewart textbook for 1225 or 1226 during a previous semester you do not have to buy a new book and can use your current WebAssign account. Since we will be using the online homework system WebAssign, you will need to purchase a WebAssign code along with the textbook. If you do not already have the textbook and WebAssign code from a previous course here at Virginia Tech, it will be cheapest for you to buy a new textbook bundled with the WebAssign code. There is a two week grace period for the use of WebAssign in the course but in order to access the system after that you need a WebAssign code. Your instructor will automatically add you to WebAssign course and so you do not need a class code. If you do not have a WebAssign account from a previous course such as 1226 you will receive instructions on how to setup your WebAssign account via your primary Virginia Tech email account based on your PID.

Prerequisites:
The prerequisite for this class is Math 1226. If you have taken Math 1206, you should not take Math 2204; instead you should take Math 1224. If you have taken both Math 1206 and Math 1224, you should not take Math 2204; instead you should take Math 2224.

Grading Criteria:
Grades are determined using the following scheme.

- Three In-Class Tests: 60% (20% each)
- WebAssign and written Homework: 20%
- Final Exam: 20% (10% common and 10% free response part).

A course average in [90-100] guarantees at least an A-, [80-90] guarantees at least a B-, [70-80] guarantees at least a C-, and [60-70] guarantees at least a D-. All graded work should be kept until the course is over. Scores and grades are posted on Scholar. Appeals for points, partial credit, incorrect score, missing scores on Scholar, etc., should be brought to my attention in a timely manner.

Attendance:
Attendance will be taken at every class meeting as part of a departmental requirement. You are responsible for any material missed in class.

Missed In-Class Exam Policy:
No make-up exams will be given unless you have a valid, documented excuse. For example, a note from Shiffert saying you were at the doctor for an unspecified reason is NOT sufficient documentation to excuse an exam. There will be no make-up tests; for valid reasons that are serious, unavoidable, and beyond the student’s control, the final exam will count in place of a missed test.

Homework:
The graded homework will consist of two parts, an online part and a written part. The online part will be
delivered using WebAssign. Access to WebAssign is included with the purchase of your textbook (see above). You will be allowed three submissions for each question on the WebAssign homework assignments. The sum of your highest per question scores will determine the final grade on the assignment.

If you have not used WebAssign before there will be a learning curve. To help learn how to use the system there is a graded “Getting Started with WebAssign” homework assignment that is due Friday Jan. 23. For this assignment only you will be allowed unlimited submissions per question. If you add the course late, contact me and I will give you an extension to complete this important assignment.

Late homework will NOT be accepted.

Your lowest WebAssign homework score will be dropped.

Your lowest written homework score will be dropped.

Non-stapled homework will receive a 10% penalty.

Final Exam:
The final exam consists of two one hour parts and both are comprehensive. The common part is common to all sections, is NOT written by me, and is multiple choice. I write the second part of the final exam. The final exam will be given Monday May 11, 7:00 - 9:00pm. The location of the final exam will be announced toward the end of the semester.

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. Students simultaneously taking courses at NRCC should check at the beginning of the semester that they will not have a conflict because the Math Department will NOT accommodate such a conflict. Students should not expect to have an easy time rescheduling a common-time final. Students with three final exams within 24 hours should typically reschedule a non-common final exam.

Classroom Courtesy:
Note taking computers are only to be used in the flat-on-the-desk position. Other uses of electronic devices are a distraction to others and are not permitted.

Please be sure phones are turned off or silenced.

Make an effort to be on time to class. If you must leave early, please let me know before class.

Honor Code:
All assignments, tests, and quizzes submitted will be considered graded works and must be completed on an individual basis. You are encouraged to work with other students in our class on the homework, but the work that you hand in must be your own. While discussing assignments and getting help from available resources is both authorized and encouraged for out of class work, copying solutions from any source, including the internet, 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.

Accommodations:
If you require accommodations for the class, please arrange to meet with me as soon as possible to discuss them.

IMPORTANT:
Please check your schedule, which comes out after the last add date. Students who are not registered cannot receive a grade. Students who are registered for credit and do not turn in any work will receive NG grades (which count as Fs), even if they did not intend to be registered for credit. If you are registered for a different section of this course, you are expected to attend that section.