

Math 2224, CRN 93954; Fall, 2009

Course Description and Grading Policy

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Instructor Availability: The instructor will normally reserve some time at the end of each class period for individual questions. The instructor will also be available in his McBryde office Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm; other times by individual appointment.

Text, Notes: Hass, Weir, Thomas: *University Calculus*, ISBN-13: 9780321350145, Pearson, Addison-Wesley, Pub. The instructor's classroom notes posted on this web site, have equal standing with the text in determining course content.

Exercises, Notebook: The course syllabus is available from a link on the instructor's homepage. Unlike other sections, we will cover Chapter 8 first. The exercise assignments will not be individually graded but in many cases answers may be found in the back of the text. Each student should maintain a notebook, containing worked exercises and other course materials. The instructor may request to inspect the notebook under certain circumstances.

Basis for Grading The final grade will be based on the student's total point score from approximately 600 points available. These points will be allocated according to the following tentative schedule:

Exams 1, 2: 100 pts. each; 200 pts. total;
Weekly Quizzes (8): 25 pts. each; 200 pts. total;
Final Exam: 200 pts. (including 100 pts. Common Time Final).

Exams 1 and 2 will be one hour, in class, closed book, non-cumulative exams. The final exam will consist of two parts; an exam of the same character as Exams 1 and 2, just described, plus a closed book, in class, departmentally mandated *Common Final*, covering the whole course. Each of these will count 100 points.

Grading Schedule The following percentages of total point scores will be *sufficient* for the grade indicated. A: 91% to 100%; B: 81% to 90%; C: 71% to 80%; D: 61% to 70%. No passing grade under 50%. The right is reserved to assign a higher grade than indicated by this schedule if warranted. A curving process will be applied to the final point distribution for eligible students. In the past this process has typically resulted in grades somewhat better than indicated by the above schedule. Eligibility for this curving process requires all exams and at least seven of the eight quizzes must have been taken and no more than six unexcused absences.