Course Information & Policies
Math 1225, Fall 2015

1 Course meeting schedule

Location: McBryde 307 & 210
Meeting days: Monday (307), Wednesday (307), Thursday (210), Friday (307)
Meeting time: 11:15 (MWF), 11:00 (Thursday)
Exam dates: September 16th, October 14th, November 4th, December 2nd, December 11th (final)
Exam time: 7:00 pm (tests), 4:25 pm (final exam)
Exam locations: Rooms for exams will be posted on the Test Locations page.

2 Instructor Information

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3 Prerequisites

To enroll in 1225 you must have one of the following:

- A grade of B or better in Math 1014, 1015, 1016, 1025, or 1536.
- Two units of high school algebra, one unit of geometry, 1/2 unit each of trigonometry and precalculus, & placement by the Mathematics Department.
- A passing grade on the Calculus Readiness Exam

4 Textbook & Online Resources


Please try to obtain a copy of the textbook as quickly as is practical. You may do so via the bookstore, online, or any other method. Note that this textbook is also available in an electronic edition, which you may find more convenient and affordable; you should have trial access to the electronic version of the textbook.

Note also that purchase of the textbook in any format comes with WebAssign access, which saves you the trouble of purchasing it separately. You will need WebAssign access in order to complete WebAssign assignments.
5 Graded Assignments

5.1 Scoring overview

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5.2 Examinations

There will be four common time exams and a common time final exam. The locations for the exams will be announced on the Math 1225 web page. Typically, they will not be the same as your lecture class. If it is to your benefit, your grade on the free response section of the final exam will replace your lowest test grade.

You must take tests on the specified date. If you have a verified conflict with the time scheduled for an exam, an alternative starting time for the exam on the same evening will be provided. Usually, makeup exams will not be given. If a student misses an exam for reasons that are serious, unavoidable, and beyond the student’s control, the situation will be handled on an individual basis. When possible, the student should notify the instructor before missing the work.

The final exam is a required class meeting that will not be rescheduled for discretionary reasons, including conflicts with work schedules, conflicts with classes and exams at other colleges, and travel plans.

5.3 Homework & Quizzes

The schedule of homework problems are listed in the online common 1225 syllabus. Note that Weeks 8, 14, and 15 have irregular schedules.

In weeks with regular schedules, homework problems for the week will be collected on the final course meeting of the week. A small randomized selection of problems will be graded out of each assignment.

In-class quizzes will typically be given earlier in the week, and returned on the final course meeting of the week (usually a Friday). Quizzes may be corrected and re-submitted for partial credit on the first course meeting of the next week (usually a Monday).

Your final grade for the quiz & homework category will be based on a weighted average of your twenty best quiz and homework scores. There will be at least twelve quizzes and at least twelve graded homework assignments. (Weeks 8, 14, and 15 may also contain a quiz, a graded homework, or both.)

6 Honor Policy

All assignments, tests, and quizzes submitted will be considered graded work and must be completed on an individual basis. Homework may be discussed with other students as well as with the instructor. However, in writing up an assignment to be handed in, each student works alone (without other students or other students papers) and certifies that what is written accurately represents the students own understanding of the material expressed in the students own words. In working, or in preparing to work, homework problems, students may not consult partial or complete solutions of the problems that have been prepared by anyone else. The prohibited solutions include, but are not limited to, solutions by current or former teachers or students at VT or elsewhere, whether these solutions are posted on the web or available from other sources. The honor code applies to all graded work in this course. If you have any questions about how the honor code applies to a particular situation, it is your responsibility to ask.

You may also familiarize yourself with the Virginia Tech honor code directly on the honor system website. I expect you to abide by the honor code. Failure to abide by the directives of the honor code may lead to direct personal experience with the Undergraduate Honors System.