Course Information & Policies
Math 2534, Fall 2015

This course policy sheet is subject to revision with notice.

1 Course meeting schedule

Location: Surge 107
Meeting days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Meeting time: 3:30-4:45 pm
Exam date: December 15th
Exam time: 10:05 am - 12:05 pm

Note that nobody will be excused from the final exam. Attendance will be taken on a regular basis. You are responsible for material covered in class whether or not you were present for it; it is up to you to obtain notes from a classmate, come in to office hours, read the textbook, et cetera. Regular attendance is strongly recommended, as this tends to correlate very strongly and positively with final grades.

2 Instructor Information

Name: Tomas McIntee
E-mail: tmcintee@vt.edu
Home page: http://www.math.vt.edu/people/tmcintee/
Office location: McBryde 454
Office hours: Weekdays 1:45-3:15 pm or by appointment
Office telephone: 231-6532

3 Textbook


Please try to obtain a copy of the textbook. 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. An experienced online shopper may be able to obtain a copy of the book for considerably less than MSRP; however, please do make sure that you have obtained a version of the the fourth edition.
4 Graded Assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Percentage of Grade</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Homework</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In-class activities &amp; class participation</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test 1</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test 2</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test 3</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>25%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Homework problem sets will be announced at least one week in advance of their due dates. There will be three in-class tests prior to the final exam, and an unspecified number of quizzes or graded in-class activities. You will be expected and encouraged to collaborate on homework assignments. All collaboration is to be credited, and you will be asked to fill out an evaluation on peers with whom you have collaborated.

The final exam counts for a minimum of 25% of your grade. If it is to your advantage, the final exam score will replace your score in another category (and therefore count for an effective 40% of your grade).

5 Honor Policy

I will assume that you have familiarized yourself with the Virginia Tech Honor Code and expect you to abide by it. There will be collaborative work in class; each of you must insure that each member of a group fulfills their responsibilities.

Discussing math problems can be helpful to students. Study groups are strongly recommended. Joint solution to homework problems, or assistance on homework problems, should be credited. After solving a problem with assistance, you should work through the problem to the point of complete solution by yourself.

Tests and quizzes, unless explicitly specified otherwise, are individual efforts. (Some quizzes will be collaborative in nature. This will be specified at the time the quiz is given.) Do not consult your neighbors’ exam papers for inspiration.

Failure to abide by these directives may lead to direct personal experience with the Undergraduate Honors System.