

Calculus II – Mr. Clontz – Fall 2014

Participation and Quizzes

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Participation and quizzes are a large portion (500 of 800 points) of your grade. Here's a rubric for how those points will be assigned.

1 Participation

Participation will be split equally into three categories, each worth 100 points: **Attendance**, **Individual Presentations**, and **Class Participation**.

1.1 Attendance

Each student is allowed one unexcused absence without penalizing their Attendance grade. Two or more unexcused absences will result in the grade given on the following table. Five unexcused absences will automatically result in an FA for the course.

0-1 Unexcused	100 points
2 Unexcused	90 points
3 Unexcused	60 points
4 Unexcused	30 points
5+ Unexcused	0 points & FA

1.2 Individual Presentations

The instructor will assign reading and problems from the lecture notes for the class to prepare for presenting at the board. During later class periods, the instructor will semi-randomly choose students to present previously assigned problems, with a preference for students who have less credit for presentations than others.

A student who successfully gives a prepared presentation earns 2 points. If a student is not prepared and declines to present, they will not gain or lose points. If a student is not prepared and wastes the class's time by trying to fake it, they will lose 1 point.

Presentations don't have to be perfect - the instructor is looking for effort and preparation. Students are encouraged to use their textbook, search the internet, work with each other, go to office hours, or use any other source to solve the assigned problems for presentation.

At the end of the semester, these points will be normalized so that the student with the most points gets 100 points for individual presentations, and other students' scores will be scaled appropriately.

1.3 Class Participation

The class has a shared Participation grade of 100 points. If no one in the class is prepared to present an assigned problem, the instructor may reduce this grade for everyone by 10 points per problem.

2 Quizzes

The class will be given a quick quiz at the start of the first day of class each week. Each quiz will be worth around 20 points. With about 14 quizzes, there will be approximately 280 points possible, but this score is capped at 200 points towards each student's final overall grade.

Quizzes will involve problems similar to those presented from the lecture notes, or problems which have been assigned to be presented.