

# Common Syllabus

This syllabus contains information which is common to all sections of Math 0090, Introductory Calculus I, for the Fall 2018 semester. For more information, visit the course website at <https://sites.google.com/a/brown.edu/fa18-math0090/>. Information specific to individual sections (such as contact information and announcements) can be found by going to the website and clicking the section link on the sidebar.

The Course Head for Math 0090 is Dan Katz. Questions about course content or everyday logistical questions should be directed to the Course Head or TA. However, if you have a more unusual or difficult issue that cannot be properly handled by your professor or TA, please email Dan Katz at [dkatz@math.brown.edu](mailto:dkatz@math.brown.edu).

**Textbook:** *Thomas' Calculus: Early Transcendentals, Single Variable, 14th Edition* by Thomas, Jr. (ISBN 978-0-321-85080-1). **Note that this is a different edition from last year.** This ISBN is for the paperback edition (looseleaf, etc.), make sure it says "14th Edition" and "Early Transcendentals." It is your responsibility to verify the edition.

**Course Content and Objectives:** Math 0090 is a first-semester calculus course. Successful students will gain a conceptual understanding of limits, derivatives, and integrals; learn and demonstrate problem-solving applications of these concepts; and communicate their understanding clearly. Homework assignments and recitation worksheets are intended to support these goals. Assessments will be used to assess them. A more detailed list of topics, and a tentative schedule, can be found on the course website.

A four-credit course at Brown represents approximately 12 hours of work per week, so students should expect an average of 8 hours per week working outside of class (completing homework assignments, attending recitation, seeking help, and preparing for exams). Students may require more or less time based on their prior experience, goals, and other factors.

This course assumes knowledge of precalculus (algebraic functions and trigonometry). Students with no prior background should consider taking Math 0050 and Math 0060. If you merely need a refresher, you can seek help from the TA.

**Recitation:** In addition to attending lectures, every student must be registered for and attend a weekly recitation. You can choose and register for any recitation, independent of which lecture section they are registered for. For each recitation, you will need to attend at that specified time and location each week. Recitation sessions are an important part of the course.

Recitation sessions will complement the course lectures. Students will be able to review material, ask questions, and, importantly, practice solving problems in small groups. In addition, quizzes will sometimes be administered during recitation.

Students will receive a grade for each recitation (excluding the first one while the course gets organized). Grades will be based partially on quizzes, participation, group problem-solving, or any combination of these. For more information, please consult the [FAQ](#).

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned every week, as posted on the course [Homework Page](#). After each lecture, students are encouraged to work on problems and try to complete them as soon as the relevant content is covered. Most assignments will consist of several problems:

- *Self-Check Problems* are odd-numbered problems from the textbook. The solutions are provided at the back of the book. You do not need to hand in solutions to these problems, but you should check your answers to ensure you understand the course content.
- *Collected Problems* are even-numbered problems from the textbook. You are expected to work on solutions to these problems and hand them in during recitation; they will be graded. When submitting multiple pages, staple or paper clip them together.

It may be tempting to skip the Self-Check Problems because they are not turned in. However, it is important to learn to solve problems and demonstrate that knowledge on exams, and the best way to do this is by working on all the problems.

by *understanding all of the homework*. The Collected Problems alone are not intended for calculus, so if you ignore the Self-Check Problems, you will make the course far more

In order to ensure that assignments are graded promptly, and to discourage students from adding the course late. However, in recognition of the fact that unavoidable issues sometimes affect homework grades (including zeros for unsubmitted assignments) will be dropped when appropriate. Despite this policy, you should complete every assignment, even if you miss a deadline. This will help you perform well on exams.

**Exams:** There will be two midterm exams in the evening, on Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, November 14. The final exam is at 2pm on Tuesday, December 18. (The final exam schedule is tentative until shopping carts are permitted during exams. If you have a conflict with an exam, you must submit our webform at least one

If you have an acceptable midterm exam conflict, you'll be able to take the exam earlier on the same day in extreme/emergency situations (or if two exams are scheduled at the same time). More information on the exam is on the [Exam Information](#) page.

**Resources:** If you are struggling with the homework, there are several places to obtain help (listed in the syllabus and on the [help page](#)):

- All instructors and TAs hold office hours at least once per week; you may also find out more about these hours, though how and when they are available may vary.
- The math department operates a [Math Resource Center](#) on weeknights. This is a place where you can ask questions and have tutors available to answer questions when you get stuck.
- Finally, the [Office of Co-Curricular Advising and Tutoring](#) organizes group and individual tutoring.

**Grading:** Your final grade for the course will be determined based on a weighted average calculation:

- 15% - Recitation (two weeks dropped)
- 15% - Homework (one assignment dropped)
- 15% - Midterm Exam 1
- 20% - Midterm Exam 2
- 35% - Final Exam

Math 0090 is offered with S/NC grading only. For more information on how letter grades are calculated, see the [S/NC Page](#). There are no opportunities for "extra credit" in this course, during the semester or after. Your grade is directly based on the amount of time or effort you apply to the course, although if you put in extra effort, you should improve your homework and exam grades.

**Collaboration Policy and the Academic Code:** While students are allowed (and even encouraged) to work together on homework problems, it is unacceptable to copy or submit another student's work, calculations, or final answers without your own. The best practice to obey this policy is to start each problem on your own, seek help if you run into trouble, and finish the problem on your own. Violation of this policy, cheating on exams, or any other form of academic dishonesty is against Brown's [Academic Code](#) and may have serious consequences.

**Accessibility Services:** Brown is committed to providing support for students with learning differences, physical disabilities, and other conditions. If you think you may need accommodations due to one of these conditions, contact [Student and Employee Accessibility Services](#) for more information.