

# Math 3B: Lecture 1

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There are a few places where you will find/receive information about Math 3B:

- The class website: `www.math.ucla.edu/~noah`
- Email
- Piazza
- CCLE (only for recordings)

# Instructor and TAs

Instructor      Noah White  
*office hours*    *MS 6304, Thursday 10-11:30am, Friday 9:30-11am*

TA                Bohyun Kim  
*office hours*    *TBA, TBA*

Kevin Miller  
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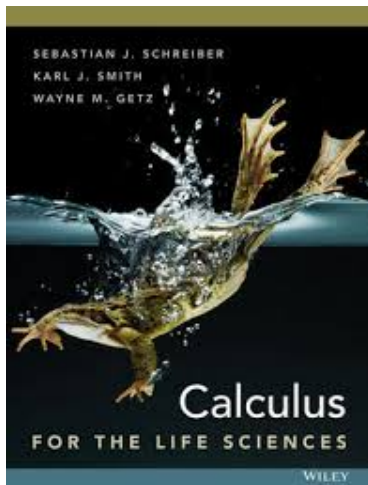
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- Study tip: doing problems is much better than watching a video!

# Communication

- Mathematical questions should be asked on Piazza
- Administrative questions should be directed to your TA initially
- If you need to email me include `math3b` in the subject

# Textbook

S. J. Schreiber, *Calculus for the Life Sciences*, Wiley



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## Cheatsheets and calculators

You will be allowed a small cheatsheet in each exam. Must be self-written and one side, half a letter size piece of paper. You are also allowed to use non-programmable, non-graphing calculators.

# Grading

Your final grade will be calculated using the maximum of the following two grading schemes.

*10% (best 4 quizzes/hw) + 40% (midterms) + 50% (final)*

or

*10% (best 4 quizzes/hw) + 30% (best midterm) + 60% (final)*

# Schedule

See website

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## Student Math Center (SMC)

Location: MS 3974, times: M-R 9am-3pm.

The SMC offers free, individual and group tutoring for all lower division math courses. This service is available on a walk-in basis; no appointment is necessary. Students may ask any of the TAs in attendance for assistance with math problems.

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- You should also know the definition of the derivative

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This is annoying to remember (where does that minus sign go again?). Luckily we can notice

$$\frac{g(x)}{h(x)} = g(x)k(x) \quad \text{where} \quad k(x) = (h(x))^{-1}$$

So we can just use the product rule!

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