

MTH 107

Introduction to Mathematical Ideas

Instructor Information

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Course Description

A survey of contemporary topics in mathematics designed to develop an appreciation of the power and significance of mathematics and its uses in modeling the world around us. Topics may include the mathematics of social choice, growth and symmetry, mathematical systems Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometries and management science. Prerequisite(s): MP2 or MTH 015 Credits: 3 (3,0).

Required Materials

- A Survey of Mathematics with Applications, 10th ed, Angel, Abbott, & Runde

A scientific calculator may be used on the exams and quizzes. However, calculators with a computer algebra system (C.A.S) are not allowed.

Course Breakdown

Quiz 1	5 points
Quiz 2	5 points
Quiz 3	5 points
Exam 1	25 points
Exam 2	25 points
Final Exam	35 points
Total	100 points

Homework

There will be a list of suggested homework problems. These problems will not be collected but it is imperative that you do them in order to practice for the exams.

In-Class Quizzes

There will be 3 in-class quizzes on the dates indicated on the calendar, each taking approximately 10-15 minutes. They are worth 5 points each.

Tests

There will be two mid-terms worth 25 points and a cumulative final worth 35 points. The midterms will be in-class on the dates indicated in the calendar. The date of the final is set by the registrar.

Grade Scale

Grade	Minimum %
A	93
A–	90
B+	87
B	83
B–	80
C+	77
C	73
C–	70
D+	67
D	60
F	0

Cancellation of Classes

Weather and other campus-wide cancellations will be listed on the home page, Facebook and Twitter and you can also sign up for RAVE and SUNY Alert. Go to the Rave web page and use your Farmingdale user ID and password to enter the site. For SUNY-Alert, please visit the University Police web page.

Religious Absences

If you are unable to attend class on certain days due to religious beliefs, please consult with your instructor well in advance of the absence so that appropriate accommodation can be made.

Use of Email

It is College policy that instructors and students use the Farmingdale email system or the Blackboard email system to contact one another.

Make-ups

Make-up exams and quizzes will be given to students who miss exams for valid reasons at the discretion of the instructor. In general, acceptable reasons for absence from class include illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., field trips, professional conferences), military obligation, severe weather conditions, religious holidays and participation in official university activities such as music performances, athletic competition or debate. Absences from class

for court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena) will be excused. Other reasons also may be approved. In addition, if you are already aware of a conflict with an exam date, then you need to discuss this with your instructor within the first two weeks of class.

Temporary Grades

I Grade: A grade of “I” (incomplete) is reported when, for some reason beyond their control, the student misses the final examination or has not completed a portion of the required work for the course. The decision to grant an “I” is at the sole discretion of the instructor. No achievement points are awarded for an incomplete. All incompletes must be resolved and a change of grade submitted no later than 30 days after the beginning of the next semester (fall to spring, winter intersession to spring, spring to fall, summer session to fall). An instructor may grant an extension of an incomplete grade until the end of the semester by documenting and filling the approved form with the Registrar prior to the conclusion of the 30 day period. Any incomplete grade not finalized or extended by the instructor within the 30 day time period mentioned above will automatically be changed to an “F”. An incomplete does not constitute successful completion of a prerequisite.

Academic Honesty

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It is important for you to understand the concept of plagiarism. Plagiarism is intentionally representing the words, images or ideas of another as ones own in any academic exercise. This includes words, images or ideas in either print or electronic format.

Student Code of Conduct

The President of the College and the Vice President for Student Affairs recognize the rights of designees including University Police, to enforce all regulations, policies, license agreements, laws and codes on campus. If any individual allegedly violates the laws, Student Code of Conduct or campus policies, a Presidents designee will institute proceedings against the offender (s). For more information on the student code of conduct, see the Code of Conduct section in the current Student Handbook, or choose Code of Conduct from the A-Z Links.

Disability Services Center

Located in Roosevelt 151. Phone: (631) 794-6174 Fax: (631) 794-6173.

Disclaimer

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