

# WELCOME TO MATH 1551!

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## Today

1. Syllabus, course overview
2. Sections 1.1, 1.2

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*These slides will be placed on T-square later today*

## COURSE GOALS

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- I. explore fundamental concepts of single variable calculus,
- II. explore the solution of problems from a mathematical perspective
- III. help prepare students to succeed in upper level math, science, engineering, and other courses that require calculus.

# LECTURES AND PRACTICE

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## Lectures

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:10 – 11:00
- Explore new material, review for midterms
- We will likely not have time to cover everything you need to know during lectures: please read the textbook

## Friday's practice

- Fridays, 10:10 – 11:00
- Facilitated by instructor and lecture assistant (LA) who assume you have attended lecture
- Explore examples in worksheets posted on t-square
- All quizzes and midterms held on Fridays
- Active: students should be solving problems during Friday's practice

# GRADE BREAKDOWN

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Assessment	% of Average	% of Average
Participation	2%	2%
Homework	8%	8%
Quizzes	12%	12%
Midterms	48%	40%
Final Exam	30%	38%

numerical grades converted to letters based on standard intervals

A: [90%, 100%]

B: [80%, 90%)

C: [70%, 80%)

D: [60%, 70%)

F: [0%, 60%)

# MIDTERMS

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## Dates and Topics

Midterm 1: Sep 22, covers chapters 1 and 2

Midterm 2: Oct 20, covers sections 3.1 to 3.9

Midterm 3: Nov 17, covers sections 3.10, 3.11, 4.1 to 4.6

## Logistics

- You'll have 50 minutes to write each midterm.
- If unable to write quiz/exam contact me before midterm, we'll make arrangements for a make-up
- No formula sheet, closed book, no calculators.

# QUIZZES

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- You'll have roughly 10 minutes to write each quiz.
- Quizzes held at the end of the Friday's class.
- Cover everything up to and including most recent lecture
- No formula sheet, closed book, no calculators.

# FINAL EXAM

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- All students expected to write final exam.
- The final exam is cumulative.
- No formula sheet, closed book, no calculators.
- Final exam on Thu Dec 7, 6-8:50pm. Place TBA.



## TEXTBOOK, ONLINE HOMEWORK

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- Thomas, *Calculus Early Transcendentals*, 13th ed
- Available online at: [pearsonmylabandmastering.com](https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com)
- Buy your code from the GT bookstore, it is not recommended to buy a code from a third-party vendor.



## TEXTBOOK, ONLINE HOMEWORK

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- When signing up for MyMathLab, please set your **STUDENT ID to your USERID for the GT system. Otherwise it is hard to transfer grades from MyMathLab to T-Square.**
- You'll need our course name and ID:
  - Course Name: Math 1551, Spring 2017
  - Course ID: name12345
- If you take Math 1552/1553/1554/2550/2551, you shouldn't need to purchase another code again, your code last you through to those courses as well
- The GT Bookstore has hard copies, you may want to register for 10-day temporary access while you explore purchase options

## COURSE RELATED WEBSITES

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- We will be using T-Square: [t-square.gatech.edu](http://t-square.gatech.edu)
- grades, announcements, practice midterms, syllabus

# PIAZZA

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- Online forum/discussion.
- Can also access Piazza from T-Square
- Please use Piazza
  - to ask and answer questions related to the course
  - In a **positive and constructive manner**
- I've invited you to enroll in Piazza via email, or enroll here:  
[piazza.com/gatech/fall2017/math1551e/home](https://piazza.com/gatech/fall2017/math1551e/home)

- **Lecture notes** for week 1 (sections 1.1 to 1.3) are posted on T<sup>2</sup>
- I may continue posting them in advance throughout the semester
- **Friday's worksheets** are also posted on T<sup>2</sup>
  - students are encouraged to work on problems in advance of Friday's practice
  - worksheet solutions are not posted (we want students to attend Friday's practice)

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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The syllabus gives the learning objectives for this course. Students are expected to be able to do the following.

- A. **Construct** mathematical expressions and graphs involving functions and their derivatives.
- B. **Compute** mathematical quantities using differential calculus and **interpret** their meaning.
- C. **Analyze** mathematical statements and expressions (for example, to assess whether a particular statement is accurate.)
- D. **Write** logical progressions of precise mathematical statements to justify and communicate your reasoning.
- E. **Apply** calculus concepts to solve real-world problems such as optimization and related rates problems.

# TOPICS

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The topics covered in this course include the following.

- Chapter 1 Functions
- Chapter 2 Limits and Continuity
- Chapter 3 Differentiation
- Chapter 4 Applications of Derivatives
- Chapter 5 Integration (only one section covered)

## OFFICE HOURS

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- **Instructor:** Skiles 133A, Mon, Thu 12-1, or by appointment
- **Lecture Assistant:** will also have office hours, to be announced
- LA office hour times will be announced soon via T-square
- students encouraged to take advantage of these resources throughout the semester
- Piazza is often the best way to get an answer to your question



# SCHEDULE

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- The last page of the syllabus gives a tentative schedule for our course.

# QUESTIONS?

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Before we start section 1.1, does anyone have any questions about our course?