

Math 1554 Midterm Logistics

Procedures During Midterms (same for all midterms)

- You will have 50 minutes to take each midterm.
- Unless specified otherwise, justify reasoning for full marks.
- No electronic devices allowed.
- Can bring water.
- During the exams, you can ask the TA or instructor questions, if you have any, about what you are asked to do.
- Do not submit extra pages. We will not grade work done on paper that is not part of the booklet.

FAQ: Format

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- How many questions will be on our midterms?
- How many pages will there be on our midterms?
- How many marks will the midterms be out of?
- What question types will be on the midterm?

Answers:

- These are always good questions to ask.
- But for all of these questions, sample exams/homework/lecture examples/studio worksheets give you a rough idea of what is expected.

FAQ: Expectations

Q: Can I use any method I like to solve any problem, or do I have to use the methods that were covered in this course?

A: Use any method you like unless specified otherwise. If a question asks you to use a particular method, you have to use that method.

Q: Will the midterm be **harder/easier/similar** to the sample midterm, the worksheets, examples in lecture slides, MML homework?

A: There is no precise definition of harder/easier/similar that we can use to answer these questions. Midterm review materials on Master Website indicate what **could** be on the midterm.

Q: What am I expected to be able to do?

A: The sample midterm, worksheets, MML HW, lecture slides, additional review problems, etc, should give you an idea.

FAQ: Illness, Emergencies

Q: If I cannot write a midterm for a particular reason, what do I do?

A: That is covered in the syllabus (if it is because you are sick, we all hope you feel better soon!)

FAQ: Returning Graded Exams

Q: When/How do we get midterm exams back?

A: Returned through Gradescope, after students take their make-up. The make-up is typically held on the Tuesday night after the exam.

Q: Will solutions be posted?

A: Yes. On the Master website. Also posted after the make-up.

FAQ: Grades and Grading

Q: Will you drop any of our midterm grades from final grade calculations?

A: No.

Q: Do you curve midterm grades?

A: Also covered in syllabus but the answer is: no.

FAQ: Preparing for Midterms

Q: How do you recommend we prepare for midterms?

- Complete sample midterms and Additional Review exercises. Compare your answers with others.
- Complete additional problems in textbook (Study Plan).
- Re-do exercises from studio worksheets, lecture notes.
- Spend most of your time studying by solving problems (because that is what you will do on midterms).
- Ask (and answer!) questions during office hours and/or piazza.
- Start studying as early as possible.
- Spread your studying out over several days.

There are **many** other effective study strategies. Find what works best for you and be open to adjusting how you study.