

MA 111: Intro to Contemporary Mathematics, Sections 11, 12

Fall 2017

Instructor Information:

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Class Time and Location: T/Th 11:00 – 12:15 or 12:30 – 1:45, CB 214

Course Web Page: <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~ejwh226/Fall2017/MA111Home>

Textbook: A textbook is **not required**. Lecture slides and notes on upcoming topics will be posted on the course website before or after each class meeting. Find the course website by following links from my website above.

Suggested Textbooks: If you would like to have references beyond the notes provided for the class, the following are worth a look. Keep in mind that notation and terminology might differ from what we use in class, but the explanations and examples can still be helpful!

1. **Math in Society** by David Lippman; this is available free online at <http://www.opentextbookstore.com/mathinsociety/>
2. **For All Practical Purposes** by COMAP; old editions are fine!
3. **Excursions in Modern Mathematics** by Peter Tannenbaum; old editions are fine!

Grading: You will be evaluated in the course in the areas below, weighted as follows.

Participation	8%
Project	7%
Homework	15%
Three best Mini-Exams	25% (about 8.33% each)
Three best Exams	45% (15% each)

(One mini-exam score and one exam score will be dropped from your final grade.)

Your overall letter grade will be based on the following percentages (rounded to the nearest whole percent):

A 90%-100%	B 80%-89%	C 70%-79%	D 60%-69%	E 0%-59%
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Important Math 111 Dates:

The following is a list of exam dates for the Fall 2016 semester (TENTATIVE!):

- Mini-Exam 1 Thursday, September 7
- Exam 1 Thursday, September 21
- Mini-Exam 2 Thursday, October 5
- Exam 2 Thursday, October 19
- Mini-Exam 3 Tuesday, October 31
- Exam 3 Tuesday, November 14
- Mini-Exam 4 Thursday, **November 30 (corrected)**
- Final Exam: Section 12: Wednesday, December 13 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Section 11: Thursday, December 14 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Important Semester Dates:

The following is a list of important dates for the Fall 2017 semester:

- Wednesday, August 23: First day of classes
- Tuesday, August 29: Last day to add a class
- Monday, September 4: Labor Day break (academic holiday)
- Wednesday, September 13: Last day to drop a class without receiving a grade
- Friday, November 10: Last day to withdraw from a class
- November 22-24: Thanksgiving Break (no class)
- Friday, December 8: Last day of classes

Participation: Almost every class day that we don't have an exam, we will have a worksheet or brief quiz that contributes to your participation grade; the amounts will vary, but around three points a day. Once you accumulate 55 points, you have a perfect participation grade (there is no bonus).

Project: This portion of your grade will be earned by completing a written project. I will go into more detail about the project in the middle of the semester.

Homework: This portion of your grade will be earned by completing individual assignments outside of class. These assignments will be mainly online at

<https://webwork.as.uky.edu/webwork2/MA111-F17-Whitaker/>

WeBWork is free to students. Your login is your link blue ID (like word226) and your password is initially your student number without the leading 9. Homework deadlines will be announced in class and posted on the course website.

Mini-Exams: We will have a mini-exam midway through each of the four topics. They are designed more to give you an idea of the progress that you are making with the material. We will spend 20-25 minutes on mini-exam days, then cover new material. Your best three scores will count towards your course grade.

Exams: We will have four exams throughout the semester, one for each of the topics we cover. For each exam there will be a review worksheet provided and before each exam we will have time for in-class review (at least half of a day).

Course Help: If you find that you need help in the course, then you should see me right away! If the posted office hours do not work with your schedule please ask about an appointment. Free tutoring can be found in the Mathskeller, CB 063, M-F, 9-5, <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~mathskeller/>. Other resources (like The Study, your math major roommate, etc.) can also be good, but not nearly as good as the resources listed above.

Note on Calculators: Please see this page for a description of permitted calculators which may be used on exams and mini-exams: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/taking-the-test/calculator-policy.html> You do **not** need a graphing calculator for this course; you will only need a basic calculator that can do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. You may NOT use your cell phone (or anything else that communicates) as a calculator during an exam.

For a complete syllabus, please see our course website!

Math 111 Course Goals:

- To expose students to a variety of mathematical topics, many of which they would never see in a traditional algebra-based math class.
- To encourage students to persist in solving problems and to develop an appreciation for the beauty of mathematical solutions.
- To recognize the value of mathematics in solving a variety of practical (and fun!) problems in society and culture.

Student Learning Outcomes: This course will be an introduction to some modern mathematical methods in application to real life problems. It is expected that by the end of the semester, students will acquire an informal understanding of a variety of new mathematical methods and will be able to appreciate their power and beauty. By the end of the semester, students should be able to demonstrate a proficiency in the application of mathematical knowledge for modeling solutions to questions drawn from real life.

Rules and Regulations

UK Core: This course satisfies the Quantitative Foundations requirement of the UK Core General Education program, <http://www.uky.edu/ukcore/>.

Excused Absences: See University Senate Rule 5.2.4.2 for what is considered an excused absence and official requirements. If you are participating in something planned, please inform me before you miss a class. If something unexpected happens, please inform me as soon as possible. You must provide appropriate documentation within a week of the missed day, and earlier for planned activities.

Academic Integrity, Cheating, and Plagiarism: You should feel free to study with friends, but any work you submit for a grade should be your own work. This applies to all exams, quizzes, and writing assignments, with the exception of assignments that are specifically designated as group assignments. Academic dishonesty, in any form, will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, copying a classmate's work, allowing a classmate to copy your work, modifying an exam after it has been handed back in an attempt to deceive the instructor into believing the assignment was graded incorrectly, using cell phone during an exam. A student found guilty of academic dishonesty will receive an automatic E on the assignment, and in some cases the offense may lead to an E for the course, academic probation, or even expulsion. See [sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 of the University Senate Rules](#) for more information regarding academic integrity.

Disability Accommodations: If you have documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the [Disability Resource Center](#) (Suite 407, Multidisciplinary Science Building, 859-257-2754, email address drc@uky.edu) for coordination of campus disability services available to students with disabilities.

Non-Discrimination Statement and Title IX Information:

The University of Kentucky faculty are committed to supporting students and upholding the University's non-discrimination policy. Discrimination is prohibited at UK. If you experience an incident of discrimination we encourage you to report it to Institutional Equity & Equal Opportunity (IEEO) Office, 13 Main Building, (859) 257-8927.

Acts of Sex- and Gender-Based Discrimination or Interpersonal Violence: If you experience an incident of sex- or gender-based discrimination or interpersonal violence, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty member or TA/RA/GA, understand that as a "Responsible Employee" of the University these individuals MUST report any acts of violence (including verbal bullying and sexual harassment) to the University's Title IX Coordinator in the IEEO Office. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, the [**Violence Intervention and Prevention \(VIP\) program**](#) and [**Bias Incident Support Services**](#) (Frazee Hall – Lower Level), the [**Counseling Center**](#) (106 Frazee Hall), and [**University Health Services**](#) are confidential resources on campus.