Math 107-5 Fall 2015 Syllabus

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Lecture Notes: Math 107 Lecture Notes is required. You may buy it at the book store in Student Center.


Attendance: You are expected to come to class every day and to arrive on time. Attendance will be taken. You will be marked absent if you miss “roll call”.

Exams: There will be 4 exams and a final. If you miss an exam and have a verifiable reason for missing, you will be allowed to make up the exam, but with an automatic 25% deduction. If you have to miss an exam, contact me in advance.

Homework: Most homework will be submitted into MyLabsPlus. Be sure to pay close attention to the assignment calendar so that you won’t miss a closing date. Keeping track of due dates is YOUR responsibility. Written homework assignments (Worksheets 1-10) will be assigned and handed in periodically. These worksheets are found at the end of the course notes. No late worksheets will be accepted!!!

Quizzes: Several quizzes will be submitted online. Be sure to pay close attention to the assignment calendar in MyLabsPlus so that you won’t miss a closing date. Problems in My Labs Plus are pooled and regenerated, so study all the appropriate sections thoroughly. Note: The lowest Worksheet and Quiz grade will be dropped!

Reading Assignments: If you choose not to purchase the textbook, the relevant sections are still available in MyLabsPlus to read. Here you will find access to an e-book, which is filled with demonstrations and tools that will improve your learning. You need to read all sections because it will help you with material that you might not have understood when it was explained in class.

Notebook: Next to the MyLabsPlus, the most important “tool” is your notebook. I suggest one notebook for everything: lecture notes, homework, exam reviews, etc.
Calculators: This class has a “NO CALCULATOR” policy. Very rarely will MyLabsPlus ask you for a decimal approximation, but that will not be asked on tests. It is highly recommended that you do not use a calculator when doing homework, since it will only put you at a disadvantage for exams.

Recent Finals: Go to www.math.siu.edu then click on “Courses”, “Recent Final Exams”, and “Math 107”.

Getting help: Many of you will have to put in 8-10 hours a week to reach mastery level. There is plenty of help in MLP (you will see a link to learning aids alongside each HW problem). The tutoring availability for Math 107 & 108: Monday to Thursday LIB 5-8pm.

Grading: Course grades are based on a 100-92(A), 91-82(B), 81-72(C), 71-60(D) …% scale. Approximate points:

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Note: Math 107 does not count toward any degree program, but the grade earned in the course is calculated into the overall GPA.

Incomplete: University policy does not permit any instructor to give an incomplete unless the following circumstances apply:

• The student has a mitigating reason for not finishing the course.

• The student’s course grade exceeds the cut-off at time they withdraw used to earn a final grade of C (72%).

Some Important dates:

Final Exam: Monday Dec 14, 5-7pm

Last day to drop with a refund Sunday, September 6

Last day to drop with W Thursday, Oct 30

Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 7
Fall Break Saturday, October 10, 12:00 Noon through Tuesday, October 13
Veterans Day Holiday Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving Vacation Wednesday, November 25 through Sunday, November 29

Due to unforeseen events it is possible the course syllabus may have to be changed per instructor’s discretion during the semester but, if so, you will be informed as early as possible.