This page is for class news which is common to all students. Primarily, there is information about the exams for the quarter, and copies of the emails send out to all students.

Postings listed in reverse chronological order.

**Sept. 30**

Dear Math 121 students -

There is a ***LOT*** of information here, all very important, that we ask you to look at carefully to prepare for the midterm.

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*** Exam 1 Time, Location, other Information

Exam 1: Wednesday Oct 7 at 6-7 PM. The material to be covered is from the syllabus for weeks 1 and 2: 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, Appendix B, and 0.5, 1.1, 1.2. The exam is closed book, closed notes, No calculator.

Location: where you take your exam depends upon your section.
Here is the relevant info:

Sections 5, 8, and 9 will sit the exam in Stratton 113.
Sections 14, 21, 22, and 23 will sit the exam in Disque 103.
Sections 4, 24, and 31 will sit the exam in Disque 108.
Sections 3, 7, 16, 17, and 27 will sit the exam in Nesbitt 111.
Sections 10, and 11 will sit the exam in Nesbitt 125
Sections 1, 13, 26 will sit the exam in CAT 61.
Sections 6, 15, 18, and 30 will sit the exam in Matheson 109.

You MUST know your section number! You will lose 5 points (out of 100) if you do not write down the correct section number on your exam.

You MUST bring your ID card so we can record your attendance at the exam.

*** How to study:

Here are some places to start: the assigned homework problems, the examples given in the book, and the listings of the "Outcomes List", a checklist of skills you should have mastered from the material of the first two weeks. The Outcomes List for Exam 1 is posted under the miscellaneous section of the course web page at:

http://www.math.drexel.edu/~rperline/math121-200901/

*** Old Exams

On that same page, you will see copies of Exam 1 for Fall 2008 and Fall 2007. WARNING!! The syllabus, and timing of exams, changes from year to year. For example, last year the first exam took place week 4, so the students were responsible for more material on the first exam. You should think of these exams as giving you a taste of the sort of thing that you will see, as well as the length.

For each exam, we have posted the exam WITH and WITHOUT solutions. We recommend that you try the problems first, before looking at the solutions.

*** Time Conflicts for Exam 1

Due to exam room space limitations, we had to schedule the exam at 6 PM instead of 8 AM (Exams 2 and 3 are at 8 AM). This conflicts with the schedule of a number of people. We are scheduling a second time to take this exam at 8 AM Thursday, Oct 8. IN ORDER TO TAKE THIS EXAM ON THURSDAY, YOU MUST EMAIL ME :

(Ron Perline: ronald.k.perline@drexel.edu)

by 5 PM Monday evening explaining why you can't take the exam on Wed nite. By early Monday evening, I will write to all of the students who can take the exam Thursday morning.
The circumstances of this exam (because of its nonstandard time) are unusual. The standard policy for missed exams is that there will be one makeup exam at the end of the quarter (see the syllabus for details). If you cannot take the Wed exam, and cannot (or don't want to) take the Thursday morning exam, then you have the option to take the makeup exam at the end of the quarter.

*** Transfer to hybrid course

Many students in 121 have seen calculus in some version before. For whatever reason, some arrive with a better mastery of it than others. We want to make some sort of accommodation for students who clearly know the material very well, and want some flexibility in their schedule.

On the basis of the first two exams, selected students will be invited to participate in the hybrid (on-line) version of the course. Instead of weekly quizzes, the students will do online homework/quizzes on the WileyPlus website. Students for the hybrid course will continue with the syllabus, and will take the same exams as everyone else. They have the option to continue to attend recitation sections, but it is not required.

More details will be sent out to students who are invited to participate.

*** Academic Integrity

Drexel has university-wide policies about standards for academic integrity; here is the link:

http://www.drexel.edu/Judicial/honesty.html

The mathematics department is serious about enforcing this policy. Last spring, about 20 students were accused of copying on the final exam of Math 200. The penalty was receiving a zero on the final exam, which lowered their final grade for the course by two grades (A to C, B to D, etc).

Don't take the chance. We won't catch everyone, obviously, but if we do, it can jeopardize more than your grade. People can lose scholarships, ROTC participation, enrollment in the honors college, etc. It is a BIG BIG deal.

Don't do it.

*** Math Resource Center

The Math Resource Center (247 Korman) will be open M, T, W of next week from 10 AM - 6 PM. It is a great asset -- go there! However, the tutors there will *NOT* be answering Calc 1 questions after 5 PM on Wednesday. Get there before then!
Sept. 16

Dear Math 121 students -

Welcome to the fall quarter 2009! You will be meeting with your instructors for the first time next week, but here is some important information you might find useful before class begins.

*** The book:

The textbook for the course is Anton-Bivens-Davis, Calculus, Early Transcendentals, *** 9th Edition ***. The assignments will come from this edition, which is new this year. You can choose one of three ways to get the book:

1) The hardcover text is in the bookstore. Included is a plastic insert which has the password for online software related to the course (including an online version of the book). *DO NOT THROW THIS CARD AWAY!* we will make use of it this quarter. ($235)

2) Loose-leaf version of the book is in the bookstore. This is exactly the same except the paper is not bound together. Included is a plastic inset which has the password for online software related to the course (including an online version of the book). *DO NOT THROW THIS CARD AWAY*. ($130)

3) Buy the online version of the book. Go to http://www.wileyplus.com

This gives you the same electronic access as in 1 and 2. You can print the book as pdf files onto your computer (section by section), and if you have a laptop, it is probably lighter than the book itself. ($83).

*** The first week:

The first week includes a review of various topics in pre-calculus. The first week also serves as a time to adjust to the new schedule, teachers, etc. It will go by *very* quickly. If you want to get ahead (and I recommend it) Please look at the following sections and problems in the book. This material should be review; you will have a hard time in the course if you have never seen most of the material listed below (although one or two things might be new).

p12: 1-4, 7, 8, 23, 25, 29(a), (b), 31(a), b), (c), 32(a), (b), 35
p24: odds 1-17, 28, 30, 31, 33, 35, 51, 53
p48: 8, 10, 22, 35, 37, 39, 54
Appendix: 23: 7, 9, 13, 15, 21, 25, 37, 43, 45, 50, 52, 56, 57, 61
Homework is *not* turned in for a grade.

*** Calculators

All in-class quizzes and exams are *without calculators*. You can use them to help you with your homework, but be prepared to work out the problems by hand without calculators on all exams.

On behalf of the Math 121 teaching team, we look forward to meeting you all next week.