Mathematics 1030- Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning

Summer 2007

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Class Time and Place: 7:30-8:30 A.M.
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. LCB 121

Office Hours: Mondays 8:30-9:30 A.M. Students can also e-mail questions or set up a time to meet if students have a conflict with my office hour (I will do my best to make accommodations)
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Web page: http://www.math.utah.edu/~julian
Students will need to check the webpage and e-mail on a daily basis for various reasons such as course announcements and assignments. As such students are responsible for making sure that the e-mail address listed with the university is up to date and that students are able to receive and read messages daily. Failure to do so may prevent you from receiving important information of which you will be accountable.


Prerequisite: Math ACT score of 23 or grade of C or better in MATH 1010. Students should also be able to work with variable expressions, linear equations, graphs, exponents, and geometric shapes.

Course Description: Math 1030 is centered around the use of modeling changes in the real world, and effective communication of these mathematical ideas. You will be expected to read and understand the following chapters from the text which the course is based on:

Thinking Critically and Problem Solving (Ch. 1 & 2)
Numbers and Applications (Ch. 3)
Financial Management (Ch. 4)
Exponentials and Modeling (Ch. 8 & 9)
Fundamentals of Geometry (Ch. 10)

Tutoring Lab: Free tutoring is available through the T. Benny Rushing Mathematics Center (adjacent to JWB & LCB), room 155. For more information, please see their website (http://www.math.utah.edu/ugradmathcenter.html)
Calculators: You will NEED a CALCULATOR for this course. A scientific calculator will be sufficient.

Grading: The grades will be calculated as follows:
Quizzes and homework 20%
Group project 20%
Exam I 15%
Exam II 15%
Final Exam 30%

Exam Days:
Exam I - June 15th
Exam II - July 16th
Final Exam - August 2nd, 7:30-9:30 in LCB 121

Note: A make-up exam or quiz will only be given in EXTREME cases!!! Telling me you have to work that night or that traffic is bad is not a good excuse. A good reason to miss an exam is a car accident, death in the family, surgery. A make up exam will be given if you can provide convincing and verifiable evidence that you have a significant illness, or serious family crisis that prevents you from attending. If you let me know well in advance that you cannot make an exam or quiz we might be able to work something out so please talk to me in advance about these situations.

Homework and Quizzes: Homework and quizzes will be announced on my web page, in e-mail, or in class and will be given at least every two weeks. Students are responsible for checking their e-mail, the class web page and coming to class everyday so that they know what homework is due. You should take the homework and quizzes very seriously as it is worth 20% of your grade which is more than an exam, and just a little less than what the final is worth. Your written solutions should contain enough explanation so that one of your classmates would be able to easily understand what you have done. Generally, it is inadequate to merely write down a final answer. The style of your written solutions should be very much like that of the examples from class and from the textbook. You are encouraged to study and work together on homework assignments, but you must each submit your own work. Everything you submit should be in your own words and you should thoroughly understand everything you write down. If there is something that you don’t think you understand, please come talk with me. I recommend paying close attention to your homework and quiz scores and to try to get full credit on all of your homework. I am not saying that I will drop your lowest three scores from both your homework and quizzes.

Group Projects: You will have a group project to turn in and will be due July 23rd. You will be given a list of topics from which to choose your project from. You must work in a group of about three students from which you must all contribute. If a group member fails to contribute they can receive a zero score for the project.

ADA Statement: The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that reasonable
accommodations be provided for students with physical, cognitive, systematic, learning, and psychiatric disabilities. Please contact me at the beginning of the semester to discuss any such accommodations you may require for the course.

**Grading Scale:**
A 93-100  
A- 90-92  
B+ 87-89  
B 82-86  
B- 79-81  
C+ 76-78  
C 71-75  
C- 68-70  
D+ 65-69  
D 60-64  
D- 57-59  
E <58

**A note on the grading scale:** I reserve the right to improve individual student grades by 1% if they demonstrate that they are particularly deserving. For example if a student were to get a 81% and demonstrated that they in fact had a superior level of knowledge I could improve this student's grade to an 82% thus giving them a B instead of a B-. I also reserve the right to change the grading scale (such as a curve) and grading policy. Students should not count on any sort of curve or 1% improvement in grade as either instance is usually a rare occurrence.

**Important Dates:**
Last day to drop: Wednesday, May 23rd 2007  
Last day to add, elect cr/nr, or audit: May 29th  
Last day to withdraw: Friday, June 22nd 2007  
Last day of class: August 1st 2007  
Final Exam: Thursday, August 2nd, 2007 7:30-9:30

**Holidays (NO CLASS):**
Memorial day May 28th  
Independence day July 4th

**Decorum:** The purpose of this class is to allow me to assist you, the students, to learn mathematics. It is not to allow anyone (including myself) to show off or belittle or demean any other person. There is no competition for grades or favor, so such behavior will not be tolerated. If there are any comments, remarks, or suggestions that you have you can feel free to give them to me.

**Disclaimer:** This syllabus has been created as a guide to the class and is as accurate as possible. However, all information is subject to change as class needs change.