Instructor: Danielle Johnson

Class Times & Place: MTH 1332.003: 10:00 AM – 11:40 AM Monday through Thursday [Note: Our final exam will be given on Friday, August 6th during our normal class time.]

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Office Hours: By appointment only.

We can meet in my office in the Math building or we can meet via zoom. Please email me to set up a time to meet with me for office hours if you would like to meet. Remember that I am here to help you understand concepts and that I want you to be successful in this class. Do not hesitate to schedule office hours with me as soon as you are having difficulty understanding concepts. Please use the following zoom meeting ID and password to meet if you decide to meet for office hours using zoom. When you log in, you will be placed in a waiting room and then I will give you access.

Office hours ZOOM: link: https://sfasu.zoom.us/my/drcarriere or use the Meeting ID: 451 497 5134

Course description: Provides an introduction to mathematical thinking, emphasizing analysis of information for decision-making.

**** This course follows a face-to-face / livestream format in which students can choose to meet face-to-face or meet remotely via livestreaming with zoom each class period. There will be some days this semester that our entire class will only meet via livestreaming with zoom. (We will only meet via zoom on exam days and there may be one or two other days that we will meet via zoom only.) Please use the office hours zoom link or meeting ID number to attend class via livestreaming with zoom.)

If at some point in the semester, SFA chooses for all classes to be taught remotely, this course will be taught remotely via zoom at our regularly scheduled class time and will use the office hours zoom link.

Required Materials
Book: http://www.opentextbookstore.com/mathinsociety/

Our book is free and can be accessed via the link above.

Homework system: Online homework is done through https://www.knewton.com/

You will need to purchase a subscription to the Knewton Alta homework system.

To create an account, students will need to log into our D2L class and click on the Knewton Alta link.
Follow the instructions.

Other required material include: a computer, good internet access, and a scientific calculator.

Calculator: You may use a graphing calculator for this course, but you may not use a calculator equivalent to a Ti-89 or higher. A Ti-36X Pro (or equivalent) is recommended. The calculator function of a cell phone will not be permitted during exams.
You will also be responsible for printing and bringing to class the appropriate fill-in-the-blank notes that will be posted on d2l.

Course Requirements: Daily grades, 3 exams, and a comprehensive final exam

Attendance Policy: I will take attendance. Although your attendance percentage does NOT factor into your numerical grade, attendance and class participation is critical to your success in this class.

Grading Policy:

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20% of your grade will be determined by your Knewton Alta homework average. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Exams

- Three exams will be given over the course of the semester. Each exam grade comprises 20% of a student’s overall course grade. A student’s final exam grade will replace their lowest regular exam grade (provided that the final exam grade is higher). There are three “regular” exams which are the three exams given in this class before the final exam.
- The final exam for this course will be given during our regular class time on Friday, August 6th. The final exam is mandatory.
- You will be required to zoom with me with your camera on during exams.
- All of your exams will be taken in D2L. I will post a news feed on the D2L homepage of our course with detailed instructions about where to find the exams and other important information about the exam before the day of the exam.
- Exam Dates: Please note that the dates for our exams are in the calendar at the end of the syllabus and are subject to change.

General Policies and Information

- You earn your grade by communicating your understanding of the material through the homework, and tests. Clearly communicating mathematics will be essential in this course.
- I will send e-mails to the entire class during the semester, often through D2L. Make sure you have your personal D2L settings set to forward email notifications. Watch for important class announcements on the D2L newsfeed.
- Students are expected to respect the learning environment of their fellow students. Behavior that disrupts this environment will not be tolerated. Please silence your phone and do not text or play on your phone during class.
- Tutoring: Check the NEWS feed of our D2L class for further information about tutoring available from the AARC.
Testing, Grading, and Make-up Policies

- If you miss an exam for any reason, your zero exam grade will be replaced by your final exam grade. If more than one exam is missed, the final exam grade will replace only one of the missed exams.
- You may use your (approved) calculator on exams.
- Students may not share calculators during an exam. Students may not use cell phone calculators or smart watches during an exam.
- Since you have a full semester to arrange any travel plans, they are not an excuse for missing the final.
- You may get help on work that is assigned to be done outside of class, unless otherwise instructed, but I expect any work that you turn in to reflect your understanding of the material.

There should be no reason to miss an exam other than:

A. A medical excuse. Please provide proper documentation according to university rules.
B. A University sponsored event such as an athletic tournament, a play, or a musical performance. Your coach or director must contact us in advance. Athletic practices and rehearsals do not fall into this category.
C. A religious holiday. Please send a short email explaining the situation.
D. Extreme hardship such as a family emergency. Please have the proper university office notify us.

The above are the only allowable excuses for taking the exam before the scheduled time. Under no circumstances do I give late exams. In some situations (with a valid excuse), it is possible to take an exam early, but not late. If you need to take an exam early, please email me and explain the situation and then a decision will be made to determine if you will be allowed to take the exam earlier than scheduled.

The university’s Attendance and Excused Absences Policy can be found at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/class_attendance_excused_abs.asp

The following is an excerpt from SFA Policy 5.4:

The federal definition of a credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates:

1. Not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time, or;
2. At least an equivalent amount of work as outlined in item 1 above for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

To this end, all students in courses offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics that wish to be successful should plan to spend a minimum of two hours outside of class for every credit hour associated with this course. Expected activities to be completed in the time outside of class include reviewing notes from previous class meetings, reading assigned course resources, completing all assigned exercises and projects, and performing periodic assessment preparation.

See http://www2.sfasu.edu/math/docs/syllabi/MTH110Syllabus.pdf for elements common to all sections.

SFA has updated the policy for the last day to drop. The link to the policy is: https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-add-drop-6.10.pdf.
MENTAL HEALTH: SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

On-campus Resources:

SFASU Counseling Services
www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
3rd Floor Rusk Building
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
Human Services Room 202
936-468-1041

Crisis Resources:
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

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