

Math 115 – Section 004 – Winter 2017

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Class schedule:

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Office Hours:

- Tuesday 8:30-10:00 (MH2455)

- **Tuesday 13:00-14:00**

- Thursday 8:30-10:00 (MH2325)

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- Friday 8:30-10:00 (MH2455)

Phone : 734-763-2592

- Monday 19:00-20:00 (in
Math Lab)

Course Description (from the Math 115 course website): The course presents the concepts of calculus from four points of view: geometric (graphs), numeric (tables), symbolic (formulas), and verbal descriptions. Students will develop their reading, writing and questioning skills, as well as their ability to work cooperatively. Topics include functions and graphs, derivatives and their applications to real-life problems in various fields, and an introduction to integration.

Text: *Calculus: Single Variable* by Hughes-Hallet, Gleason, et al., 6th Edition, published by John Wiley and Sons. ISBN: 978-0470-88864-3

You *must* keep up with the reading assignments. Please bring your text to class every day.

Calculator: TI-84 or TI-Nspire or equivalent. If you have a model other than the TI-84, you will be responsible for knowing how to use it. Bring your calculator to class each day and to all exams. Note that networked devices and calculators with a “QWERTY” keyboard will not be allowed for quizzes or exams.

Other Electronic Devices: It is a coursewide policy that laptops, smartphones, cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, and other electronic devices may NOT be used by students during class.

Course Website: <http://www.math.lsa.umich.edu/courses/115/>

This site has important information including the Student Guide and homework assignments. It will be updated with other information (e.g. exam rooms) as the semester progresses.

This section will also have a Canvas page at <http://canvas.umich.edu>.

Email: You are responsible for information contained in course email messages sent to your official “umich.edu” email address. Please check your email regularly.

Homework: The only way to really LEARN mathematics is to DO mathematics. Along with the math you will do during class, two types of web homework (WeBWorK) will be assigned from each section that we cover. These assignments are accessed and completed online. (There is a link on the Course Website.) In order to do well in this class, you **must** keep up with these assignments. The deadlines are firm.

- The online assignments with the word “read” in their titles are reading assignments that are open for at most a couple of days and are to be completed before we cover the material in class. The assignments from Section 1.2 on will be worth 20% of the Section Component of your grade. (I will drop your **four** lowest reading assignment scores.)
- The online assignments with titles like “homework2.1” will usually be open for about a week. These assignments will count for 5% of the Uniform Component of your grade.

In addition, you will be given regular team homework assignments, and a large portion (50%) of the Section Component of your grade will be based on these assignments. We will discuss team homework arrangements, policies, and expectations further later in class.

Quizzes: There will be a quiz in class almost every week. No make-ups will be given, but I will drop your **two lowest** quiz scores when I compute your final grade. Quizzes will count for 30% of the Section Component of your grade.

The first quiz will be in class on next Tuesday (Jan.10), and will cover the information contained in the online course syllabus and student guide, this handout, and the online team homework tutorial.

Uniform Exams:

First Exam (25% of Uniform Component): Wednesday, February 8 8:00 - 9:30 pm
Second Exam (30% of Uniform Component): Wednesday, March 22 8:00 - 9:30 pm
Final Exam (40% of Uniform Component): Monday, April 24 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Exam times are **not** Michigan time, and the dates for the exams are absolutely firm. Make plans NOW to be certain these dates are in your calendar. Generally, only students with a regularly scheduled class are accommodated at an alternate time. Anyone with a regularly scheduled class during these times should let me know immediately. Note that travel is *not* a sufficient excuse to have an exam scheduled on a different day. Missing an exam with an unapproved or undocumented excuse *will result in a grade penalty* in the course.

Gateway Exam: There will be one gateway exam in this class (covering differentiation rules). The gateway will be open for a specific period of time between the first and second exams. Students will lose a **whole letter grade** (on their grade for the course) for failing to pass the proctored gateway during the open period. More details are available on the course website, and this will be discussed further in class.

Grading Policy: All sections of Math 115 use the same grading guidelines to standardize the evaluation process. A complete explanation of the grading policy is given in the Student Guide on the course website. Look under the heading “Grading System”.

Other important dates:

- M.L.K. day: Monday, January 16.
- Last day to drop without a “W” grade: Tuesday, January 24.
- Winter Break: Monday February 27- Friday March 3.
- Last day to drop with a “W” grade (LSA approved): Friday March 17.
- Last day of class: Tuesday, April 18.

Academic Integrity: According to the *LSA Community Standards of Academic Integrity*, the College “prohibits all forms of academic dishonesty and misconduct. Academic dishonesty may be understood as any action or attempted action that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for any other member or members of the academic community.” Do NOT cheat. If you cheat in this class, you risk failing the course. If you have any questions about what is, or is not, allowed in this course, please ask.

In Class: You are required to come to class. Students who do not attend class rarely succeed in this course. If you must miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to get notes from a classmate and catch up on the material. You are also responsible for the information given in any announcements made during class. A few points to remember:

- Bring your book and calculator to class every day, and come prepared to work and participate. (This includes doing the assigned reading and homework before arriving to class.)
- Participate in all class activities, including in-class group work, presentations, and discussion.
- Come to class on time and do not leave early. If for some reason you absolutely have to arrive late or leave early, please let me know in advance and do so discretely.
- Treat your peers and instructor with respect and abide by all course policies.
- Remember that no cell phones, tablets, computers, or other “gadgets” may be used in class. Texting is strictly prohibited. If you break this rule, I will hold onto your device for that class.
- You are allowed to leave only after I made the announcement that the class is over.

Math Lab: Free tutoring from the Mathematics Department in East Hall B860.

Hours: Monday through Thursday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Friday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: If you think you need an accommodation for a disability, please let me know as soon as possible. In particular, a Verified Individualized

Services and Accommodations (VISA) form must be provided to me at least two weeks prior to the need for a test/quiz accommodation. The Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office (G664 Haven Hall; <http://ssd.umich.edu/>) issues VISA forms.

Final Note: I look forward to working with and getting to know you all. It should be an interesting, fun, and rewarding semester. If you have any questions or concerns during the term, please do not hesitate to contact me.