Math 126, BGSU, Fall 2005

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Equipment: Graphing Calculator, preferably a TI-83 or TI-84.

Prerequisites: a grade of C or higher in MATH 120, MATH 122, MATH 128, or MATH 130; or two years of high school algebra and one of geometry AND a satisfactory placement exam score. Students not meeting the pre-requisites of the course will be dropped from the course.

Exam Dates:
- Exam 0 (Algebra & Limits): Sept. 6 During Class
- Exam 1: Sept. 19 7:30-8:50 PM
- Exam 2: Oct. 17 7:30-8:50 PM
- Exam 3: Nov. 7 7:30-8:50 PM
- Comprehensive Calculus Exam: Nov. 14 7:30-9:30 PM
- Exam 4 (Matrix Exam): Dec. 12 8:15-10:15 PM

Exam questions should resemble the Suggested Homework Exercises assigned by the course coordinator, which will include textbook exercises and problems in the textbook appendices. Students are also recommended to refer to old exam questions and to Topic Lists, which will be distributed prior to each of Exams 1-4.

Exam locations will be provided at a later date. Many of the classes will take their exams in lecture halls (MSC 210, 220). Exams 1-4 are typically 4 letter size pages long, one side.

Please notice that only one of the exams will take place during normal class time. On exam days, we WILL still have the regularly scheduled class. The only evenings we meet are on the exam dates listed above.

**One side of a 3”x5” card** will be allowed on the Comprehensive Calculus Exam.

No graphing calculators will be allowed on the Matrix Exam (Exam 4). You are allowed to use a calculator that does not have matrix capability, on the Matrix Exam. PDA’s and cell phones are not allowed.

**Attendance:** There is no attendance policy per se. You will not be directly penalized for not coming to class. However, you are encouraged to come to class. If you miss a class, keep in mind that it will be harder for you when you come back to keep up. Also, tardy students will not be admitted to class.
Homework will be collected on an approximately weekly basis. The lowest two homework assignments will be dropped. Thus, no late homework will be accepted except in extreme circumstances. Exercises chosen at my discretion will be graded. If multiple pages of homework are turned in and a staple is not used, a small penalty will be incurred.

The standard grading scale of A-90%, B-80%, etc. will be used. At the end of the semester, I will look at your total points to determine your grade. This means that if you want a(n):

- **A**, you need (.9)(750) = 675 points out of 750.
- **B**, you need (.8)(750) = 600 points out of 750.
- **C**, you need (.7)(750) = 525 points out of 750.
- **D**, you need (.6)(750) = 450 points out of 750.

I may choose to round up the grades of students who are within 10 points of the next higher grade, but I am not obligated to do so. There will be no curving of exam grades.

**Withdraw Pass:** The deadline to turn in paperwork to receive a WP is October 21.

**Codes of Conduct and Academic Honesty Policy:** The instructor and students in this course will adhere to the University’s general Codes of Conduct defined in the *BGSU Student Handbook*. Specifically, the Code of Academic Conduct (Academic Honesty Policy) requires that students do not cheat, fabricate, plagiarize or facilitate academic dishonesty. Students who passively engage in cheating (i.e. allowing others to cheat off of them) may receive the same consequences as the person copying.

**Departmental Mediator:** Dr. Szekely, Gabor, 413 MSC, (419) 372-7474, gabor@bgnet.bgsu.edu. See [http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/math/mediator](http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/math/mediator). If you have a problem with the course, we advise you to first try to resolve it with your instructor. If the problem is still unresolved, contact the course coordinator (Konra Friedberg). If you have done that and the problem is still unresolved, the departmental mediator will work with you to resolve the issue.

**Course Coordinator:** Konra Friedburg Office 437 MSC
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**Use of “My BGSU”, BGNet e-mail:** I will be using Blackboard to provide access to various materials throughout the semester. When you log onto my.bgsu.edu, you will eventually see two “web courses” listed. One will have only me listed as the instructor. The other may have a long list of instructors.

I will use the first website to post items of interest specifically to your class. In particular, I plan on using My BGSU to record grades. Please check your grade on-line periodically. I really would prefer not to receive e-mails two weeks after grades are turned in complaining that grades are not recorded correctly!! The list of users for this web course will automatically be updated as students
add/drop the class. Other items that will be posted to this website may include blank homework papers and answer keys to these homework assignments (after the due date, of course!).

I will use the second website, as course coordinator, to post items of interest to all students currently taking Math 126. This will include any exam topic lists, exam answer keys, etc. The user list to this web course will not be automatically updated. Please contact me if you would like your name added or dropped from the list.

I will periodically use My BGSU to send out e-mails to the whole class. The e-mails will be sent to your BGNet account. If you wish to have your e-mail forwarded to another account or have forgotten your password, please contact ITS.

In case of severe weather, I will make every effort to use My BGSU to contact you. If I need to cancel class, I will plan on placing an announcement on My BGSU and/or sending an e-mail via My BGSU.

**Additional Resources:** The Math and Stats Tutoring Center provides a variety of resources, including books, videos, old tests, and tutors. Please stop by and check them out at 208 Moseley Hall, 419.372.8009. You can also find them on the web at [http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/acen/mathlab](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/acen/mathlab). Their hours are as follows:

- **Resources:** Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Walk-in Tutoring:** Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Student Solutions Manual will be available on reserve in the Ogg Science Library (third floor, MSC building). This manual contains solutions (not just answers) to the odd exercises in the textbook. Also, there is a DVD series that accompanies the textbook. A copy of this will also be placed on reserve.