SYLLABUS FOR MA 123, FALL 2008

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Course Web Page:
http://math.bu.edu/people/szczesny/Teaching/123Fall08/123Fall08.html

Homework: Homework will be assigned each class, and posted online. A subset will be collected. No late homework will be accepted. The lowest homework grade will be dropped.

Quizzes: There will be a quiz in each discussion section on the previous week’s homework. The problems will closely follow those assigned. No make-up quizzes will be given. However, your lowest Quiz grade will be dropped.

Exams: There will be two in-class midterms of and a 2 hour final exam at the end. The dates are as follows:

    Midterm I  Thurs., Oct. 2.
    Exam II    Thurs., Nov. 13.
    Final Exam: Fri., Dec. 19, 9-11 AM.

Note: No calculators, books, notes, or cellphones are allowed during midterms and quizzes. An 8.5”x11” note sheet (double-sided) is allowed during the final exam.

No make up exams will be given, with the exception of serious illness, in which case you will be required to provide a note from a physician.

Important Dates: The last day to drop the course without a ”W” is Oct. 6, and with a ”W”, Nov. 10.

Grading Policy:
Homework: 10 %
Quizzes: 15 %
In-class Exam I: 20 %
In-class Exam II: 20 %
Final: 35 %

The minimum final grades based on the above breakdown are guaranteed to be as follows: A 90-100 %, B 80-89, C 70-79, D 60-69.

Academic Honesty: You are encouraged to discuss homework problems with other students. However, your write-ups should ALWAYS be your own. If you are caught plagiarizing, you will be referred to the University Academic Standards Committee for disciplinary action.

Help outside of class:

(1) You are very much encouraged to attend my office hours and those of your teaching fellow.
(2) Math help is available during most days in MCS 144, 10 AM - 4 PM.
(3) Diane Meuser, one of our BU math professors holds Math Help sessions Tuesdays 7:30-10:30 PM in Claffin Hall, West Campus.
(4) The Educational Resource Center, located at 775 Commonwealth Ave., 4th floor, offers peer tutoring as well as math drop-in tutoring. Their website is: 
http://www.bu.edu/erc/index.html
(5) A list of paid tutors is available from the math dept. office in MCS 142.

Standards of Civilized Behavior: Lecture and discussion is a time devoted to learning. Activities which interfere with this process will not be tolerated. Please turn off your cell-phone before coming to class.