

SYLLABUS FOR MA 123, FALL 2008

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Office Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 1-2
Lecture: Tues. and Thurs. 2-3:30, CAS B12

Text: James Stewart, *Calculus: Concepts & Contexts* (3rd Ed), Thomson Brooks/Cole.

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 Claflin 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.