Math 2374, Syllabus, Fall 2016

Lecture 010: WF 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM, Bruininks Hall 220.
Lecture 020: WF 01:25 PM - 2:15 PM, Molecular Cellular Biol 3-120.

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1. It is assumed that you are familiar with the material of sections 1.1 and 1.2.
2. Sections 2.2, 3.4, 3.5, 6.3, 6.4, 7.7, 8.5, and 8.6 will not be covered.

Prerequisites: You must have received a grade of C- or better from Math 1372 (or equivalent).

Exams: There will be three Midterms and a Final Exam.
   Midterm 1: October 5 (Wed.). 5pm-6pm or 6:10pm-7:10pm. Location: Willey Hall 175
   Midterm 2: November 2 (Wed.). 5pm-6pm or 6:10pm-7:10pm. Location: Willey Hall 175
   Midterm 3: November 30 (Wed.). 5pm-6pm or 6:10pm-7:10pm. Location: Willey Hall 175
   Final Exam: December 16 (Fri.). 1:30pm-4:30 pm, Location: TBA

Note that in midterms, all students in the early session will be required to stay until the exam is completed.

NO textbooks, notes, and calculators are allowed in every quiz and exam. The same policy applies to cell phones and other electronic devices.

Makeup policy: There will be no makeup for quizzes and labs.

Exams: If you have another class or a similar recurring conflict every Wednesday evening during the semester you must inform your TA or instructor in person before the third week of the semester. You must supply written documentation. If this is the case you will take each exam on the Friday following the regular midterm exam dates. Exam absences due to recognized University-related activities, religious holidays, or verifiable illness will be dealt with on an individual basis. You must notify your TA or instructor as far in advance as possible. If an exam is not taken the student will be assigned a grade of 0. If a student takes a Friday make-up exam without previously clearing it with their TA or instructor they will receive a grade of 0.

Grading policy:
Quizzes: Best 8 quizzes 12 points/each Total: 96
Labs: Best 10 labs 10 points/each Total: 100
Midterms: 140 points/each Total: 420
Final exam: 300 points Total: 300
Total points 916

Gradelines: We do not have fixed gradelines for this class. Typically, the distribution of the final grades is approximately 20% A, 25 % B, 40 % C, and 15 % D and F.
**Homework:** There will be weekly homework assignments, posted on website. Homework problems will NOT be collected or graded. I strongly suggest that you do all assigned exercises as this will help you master the material. Problems on quizzes and exams might be similar to the homework problems. Student study guide with solutions for the textbook is on reserve in the Math Library in 310 Vincent Hall.

**Quizzes:**
A quiz will be given every Tuesday in the TA section, except for first week and weeks when you have an exam.

**Labs:** There will also be weekly lab assignments, posted on moodle. Labs are due at 11pm of the following Monday. The lowest lab score will be dropped. We encourage you to discuss lab assignments with your classmates, including strategies for solving different kinds of problems. Indeed, this is one of the best ways to improve your understanding of the course. However, when you actually write up your solutions, you must do this on your own. Collaboration during the write-up stage or handing labs that are almost identical to a classmates is a form of cheating and may result in a score of zero for all your lab assignments.

**Attendance:** The class will be conducted under the presumption that you have attended all lectures, labs, and discussion sessions. In particular, you are responsible for all the announcements made in class.

**Scholastic conduct:** We expect the highest standards of conduct from members of this class. Cases of academic dishonesty will be treated with utmost seriousness. See [http://oscai.umn.edu/](http://oscai.umn.edu/).

Incompletes: A final grade of incomplete is given only if you have successfully completed all but a small portion of the work of the course, and have a very compelling, well documented excuse from completing the course. We cannot give you an incomplete simply because you are behind in your work.

**Drop Deadlines:** The schedule for drop deadlines can be found at the following site: [http://onestop.umn.edu/calendars/cancel_add_refund_deadlines/fall_2016.html](http://onestop.umn.edu/calendars/cancel_add_refund_deadlines/fall_2016.html).

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