Math 111 Week 1 Newsletter

Most weeks I will write a newsletter. These newsletters will contain a summary of the calendar, information about homework, links to review material and studying advice. The studying advice will include old exam problems to look at each week.

UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS

-	Closing	Tue	at 11pm:	
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- Thu-Fri:

Intro to Webassign & Diagnostic GATROC 1, 2, and 3 HW Quiz 1 on Webassign on Webassign on Canvas

Quiz 1 Notes/Rules: -

- Contains 10 questions covering GATROC 1-3, the most important thing is to know the homework, each question will be very similar to at least one homework question!
- Quizzes are open book/open notes.
- The quiz will lock 45 minutes after you open it.
- The quiz opens at 11am on Thursday and closes at 11am on Friday. I encourage you to take it during the Lab, but I am giving you flexibility to best fit your schedule.
- You will NOT have to draw anything on a graph, instead graphs will be provided with lines on them and you need to correctly use those lines to compute slopes and make conclusions.
- Practice problems for quiz 1 are given in Module 1 on Canvas (direct link to Quiz 1 Practice)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE: Here is the full calendar:

Fri (tomorrow)	: GATROC 2-3 Lecture	
Mon:	GATROC 4 Lecture	
Tue:	Lab	
Wed:	GATROC 5 Lecture	
Thu:	Lab	– Quiz 1 opens (11am)
<i>next</i> Fri:	GATROC 6 Lecture	– Quiz 1 closes (5pm)

EXTRA POSTINGS: Dr. Loveless keeps a "materials page" which has supplemental resources for Math 111. If you find yourself in trouble or in need of some summary resources or extra practice, then check it out here: Dr. Loveless Math 111 materials page

Some of my particular review sheets that you might enjoy this week are:

1. GATROC 1-2 Review

2. GATROC 3-4 Review

3. GATROC 1-3 HW Hints

4. GATROC 4 HW Hints

Important Note: GATROC 4 HW doesn't open until next week, but contains a few graphs that are often challenging for students to read, please use these hints to help you!

see the next page for some important course advice....

ADVICE:

How to Approach Homework:

- Always get it right in one or two submission. At most you should be using 2 submissions (in case you have a typo in your first answer). DON'T use webassign to check your work and don't just guess. If you think you are just mistyping something, don't use 5 submissions typing the same thing in five different ways, come ask us instead.
- If you still don't have the answer after 2 submissions, then bring your question to the Lab, the discussion board, office hours, class, CLUE, etc... You should never, ever, ever use more than 3 submissions (you are generously given 5 submissions, which you should never use up). Remember you only get one submission on the quiz/test!
- 3. Treat every problem like it is test. Don't rush through the homework (the goal is not to finish quickly, the goal is to learn the material). At the end of each assignment go back and review the material. Take notes of things that stumped you and come talk to me or a tutor to clarify those issues. Also start making a review sheet of things that might help you if you see the same problem again (remember you get a sheet of notes on the exam, so you should start making now as you do the homework).

GETTING HELP: If you need help, here is what you need to do.

- 1. Start your homework early so that you have time to get help (if you email me the night the homework is due, you won't get a reply). So start the homework at least 5 days before it closes. The due dates are quite generous, you should plan to be done with the assignments at least two days before the official due date.
- 2. *The Lab*: Your first and best place to ask is in quiz section.
 - a. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30pm to 2:20pm
- 3. Office Hour: Mine are Mondays 1:45-3:15pm in THO 211 (ask your TAs for their office hours)
- 4. *The discussion board*: It is called "Ed Discussion" on Canvas, click on it, search for your question or post a question.
- 5. *CLUE* Tutoring: Sundays-Thursdays in the evenings from 6:30-midnight there is drop in tutoring in Mary Gates Hall (Commons). This is staffed by undergraduate tutors. Check it out.
- 6. Check out review sheets from our materials page.
- 7. Study groups: You can and should form study groups with classmates. That is a good way to get help. Just remember that you need to keep asking yourself if you could do the problem on your own on an exam!

Email: If you have tried all other helping options and are still stumped, you can send me an email (<u>aloveles@uw.edu</u>), but use this as a last resort.

I hope you find these emails to be helpful. See you in class.

- Dr. Loveless