

CALCULUS III

Syllabus for Math 126 C - Spring 2009

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Office hours are times when you can speak to me without making an appointment - just stop by. My office hours for this quarter are listed at the web page above (or will be soon!).

Send me email or talk to me if you need to meet me at some other time, or have any questions or concerns. When emailing me, please indicate which course and section you are in (for instance, Math 126 section CA). Also, start the email message with my name so I know who you think you are writing to, and sign it so I know how to address a reply.

Purpose of the course: This course is the third in the UW sequence of calculus courses. We will cover plane and 3D curves, vectors and some multivariable calculus topics, and Taylor polynomials and series.

A sizeable chunk of the course is all about extending the ideas of Math 124 and Math 125 to multiple (more than 2) dimensions.

Text: *Calculus: Early Transcendentals*, by James Stewart

Lectures: There are lectures each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You are responsible for knowing all that goes on in lecture, but you are not explicitly required to attend.

Quiz Section: You will have quiz sections on Tuesday and Thursday with a teaching assistant (T.A.). Thursday's quiz section will entirely devoted to discussing homework problems. Tuesdays will involve worksheets or practice with old exam problems. Attendance and participation on Tuesdays will be a component of you grade in the course.

Homework: The homework assignments will be listed on the class website.

The homework is the most important part of the course. Generally, homework corresponding to the previous Friday, Monday, and Wednesday lectures will be due on the next **Friday**.

Late homework will not be accepted. However, you are allowed to miss one homework assignment without penalty to your grade.

Your homework will be graded on the work shown, not just on the bottom line answer. *So, you must show your work!*

Since you should have plenty of time to work the homework problems (and to seek assistance if necessary), I will be expecting you to complete and have accurate write-ups of **all** assigned problems. Hence, only a sample of problems (usually one for each chapter) will be graded.

I strongly encourage you to work with other students in the class. The Math Study Center (MSC) is an ideal place to do this. You will learn the material faster and understand it better by discussing it with others. I recommend working with others to find solutions to problems, then going away and writing up the solutions individually from your own mind.

Writing problems: Several times during the quarter, there will be a problem (or two) assigned that require a bit more work and thought to solve. You should write solutions to these problems more completely than a standard homework problem. That is, you should use words and complete sentences. The solutions will not necessarily be especially long, but the goal is to give you practice thinking a bit more deeply than you might usually be doing, and to practice communicating technical concepts.

Exams: There will be two midterm exams and a final exam.

Midterm 1	Tuesday, April 21
Midterm 2	Thursday, May 14
Final Exam	Saturday, June 6

The midterm exams will be 50 minutes long and will be given at your usual quiz section classroom.

The final exam location and time will be announced later and posted on the class website.

Exams are cumulative: you may be asked to solve problems using techniques discussed at any prior point in the course.

Make-up exams will not be given, so don't miss exams. If you miss an exam due to some unavoidable, unforeseen event (e.g. sudden illness, traffic accident, etc.) you should contact me *as soon as possible*.

Calculators and notes: Graphing calculators are not allowed on exams. Non-graphing, scientific calculators are allowed, and you will be expected to have a calculator during exams. The use of other electronic devices are not allowed during exams.

A single, hand-written 8.5×11 inch sheet of notes is allowed during exams. You may write on both sides.

Grading: Your score will be made up of the following:

homework	5 %
writing problems	20 %
exams	20 % each
final exam	35 %

Grades **are** curved in that your course grade will reflect your performance relative to the rest of the class rather than relative to some fixed percentage scheme (e.g., 90-80-70-60 etc.). Historically, the median grade in the Math 126 has usually been around 2.9-3.1.

If you feel that an error in grading has occurred, you have **one week** after the exam or homework is returned to bring it to the attention of me or your quiz section T.A. You should bring the error to my attention as soon as possible, say by stopping by office hours.

Resources:

- A link to the class website can be found at:

<http://www.math.washington.edu/~conroy>

You will find various bits of useful information there, including a homework schedule, past exams and quizzes, etc.

- The Math Study Center (Communications B-014) is open to students in MATH 126. The Center provides a comfortable place and a supportive atmosphere for students to come together and study, in groups or individually. The center is staffed by TAs and instructors. Follow the link on the class website to the MSC website for more information.
- The University of Washington is committed to providing access, equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation contact the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at: 206-543-6450/V, 206-543-6452/TTY, 206-685-7264 (FAX), or dso@u.washington.edu.
- The Student Counseling Center academic skills workshops on a variety of topics including stress management, test anxiety and time management to help you succeed at the University of Washington. If any of these is an issue for you, check out the schedule of workshops at **<http://depts.washington.edu/scc/studyskills.html>**