Math 126: Calculus II for Physics and Engineering Spring 2010

Section A: TF 2:00-3:15 BNW 256

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Textbook Stewart, Calculus, sixth edition

Final Exam Thursday May 13, 3:00 PM

Course Description

This course covers exponential and logarithmic functions, their derivatives and their integrals; the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus; applications to area, arc length, and volumes of revolution; hyperbolic functions, inverse trigonometric functions; methods of integration by substitution and parts; and indeterminate forms and improper integrals.

Exams

There will be midterm exams in class on Friday, February 26, and Friday, April 9. Each of these will cover material up to and including the previous class period. Exam makeups or rescheduling will be permitted only in extreme circumstances.

The two midterm exams will be weighted equally in your course grade, with the final exam weighted double. The final exam will be cumulative, but the midterm exams will not be.

Homework

Homework assignments are a significant part of the course. Assignments will be excerpts from the textbook exercises, and will be posted at the course website. Students are encouraged to work together on assignments, but each must hand in their own papers. Late homework is like guff: The professor will not take it.

Homework will be due each Tuesday, with assignments covering material up to and including the previous Friday. Selected problems from each assignment will be graded.

Quizzes

In the class meeting following each homework assignment due-date, a short quiz will be given, covering the same material as the homework. Quiz questions are meant to be similar to the easier questions on the homework. Missed quizzes will only be excused with good reasons.

Office hours

The Professor regards visits to office hours as part of the instruction for this course. Responsible students in this course are expected to visit the Professor occasionally for help with homework and other class material. Class assignments are meant to stretch the abilities of the students, and the Professor expects even the best students to benefit from individual discussion. Students are encouraged to come in small groups if they don't want to come alone.

Extra credit

The Professor will not entertain requests for extra credit work. Students whose grades have fallen late in the term because of lack of effort or discipline early in the term are especially discouraged from asking for extra credit. Any such requests will be denied with extreme prejudice.

Grading

Your course grade will be inspired by an average, with the lowest quiz and homework scores dropped. The Professor reserves the right to adjust the course grade at his discretion. The grades are weighed as follows:

 $\begin{array}{ll} Homework & 30\% \\ Quizzes & 35\% \\ Exams & 35\% \end{array}$

Titular nomenclature

You may address the professor as "Papa Staecker," "Sergeant Staecker," "Dr. Staecker," "Professor," "Professor Staecker," or "Chris." I consider these options to be: ridiculous, technically incorrect, technically correct yet overly formal, acceptable, appropriate, and preferred, respectively. Please do not address me simply as "Staecker."

Protractors???

Protractors will not be required for this course.