

CALCULUS III

Syllabus for Math 126 E - Spring 2012

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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 DB). 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, partial derivatives, multiple integrals, and Taylor polynomials and series.

Text: *Calculus: Early Transcendentals*, by James Stewart. 7th Edition. Chapters 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15. A custom version is available at the UW Bookstore titled "Multivariable Calculus".

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.). Tuesday's quiz section will be entirely devoted to discussing homework problems. Thursdays will involve worksheets or practice with old exam problems, as well as some possible homework discussion. Attendance and participation on Thursdays will be a component of your grade in the course.

Homework: We will be using WebAssign for homework in this course. All assignments will be available on the WebAssign website, and you will be submitting your work via that website. Go to the class website and read the instructions on how to use WebAssign.

Homework will generally be due on Tuesday evenings.

The homework is the most important part of the course.

To address the issue of illness, injury, etc., you will be allowed to miss 10% of the available homework points without penalty to your grade. This will be automatic, so you do not have to contact me.

Be sure to write readable solutions to all homework problems, as you will need to practice for exams. Develop the habit of showing all work.

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 solve homework problems, then going away and writing up the solutions individually from your own mind.

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

Midterm 1	Thursday, April 19
Midterm 2	Thursday, May 17
Final Exam	Saturday, June 2, 1:30-4:20, Kane 220

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

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	10 %
thursdays	3 %
midterm exams	26 % 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 3.0.

A failing grade of 0.0 in the course is likely if your work is not up to the level of 70% of the class median.

If you feel that an error in grading has occurred, you have **one week** after the exam or homework is returned to the class to bring it to my attention. You should bring the error to my attention as soon as possible, ideally by stopping by during my office hours.

Resources:

- 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