

Mathematics and Statistics - MS 476 Ph: (403) 220-5203

## COURSE INFORMATION SHEET WINTER 2009

1. Course: MATHEMATICS 205 -- Mathematical Explorations

Lecture/Time: Lecture 1 / MWF 11:00-11:50

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2. **Prerequisites**: Pure Mathematics 30 or equivalent.

**NOTE:** The Faculty of Science policy on pre- and co-requisite checking is outlined in the current University Calendar (see <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar">www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar</a>) Faculty of Science, section 5C. It is the students' responsibility to ensure that they have the pre- and co-requisites for the course, and if they do not they will be withdrawn from the course without notice.

- 3. **Fee policy:** After the last day to drop/add courses, there will be no refund of tuition fees if a student withdraws from a course, courses or the session.
- 4. **Academic Accommodations**: It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. A student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation must register with the Disability Resource Centre to be eligible for formal academic accommodation. DRC registered students are required to discuss their needs with the instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.
- 5. **The University policy on grading and related matters** is described in the current University Calendar, *Academic Standings*. In determining the overall grade in the course, the following weights will be used:

 Quizzes
 [Best 4 of 6]
 15%

 Mastery Quiz
 10%

 Midterm Test
 20%

 Poster Project
 15%

 Final Exam
 40%

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is essential to passing the course as a whole. There will be a final examination scheduled by the Registrar's Office. Students are not permitted to use any aids during the final exam.

- 6. **Missed Components of Term Work.** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are outlined in the current University Calendar, *Faculty of Science*, *section 6A*. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize herself/himself with these regulations.
- 7. **Academic misconduct** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the current University Calendar. See: <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/honesty/">http://www.ucalgary.ca/honesty/</a>
- 8. Dates and times of class exercises held outside of class hours (evening tests, Saturday laboratory examinations, weekend field trips, etc.):

\*\*THERE WILL BE NO OUT-OF-CLASS-TIME ACTIVITY.\*\*

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OUT-OF-CLASS-TIME ACTIVITY. If you have a conflict with this out of class time activity, please inform your instructor at least one week in advance of the activity so that other arrangements may be made for you.

- 9. Textbook: Thomas L. Pirnot, *Mathematics: All Around*, third edition (or second).
- Course website: students will have access to the appropriate page using <a href="www.blackboard.ucalgary.ca">www.blackboard.ucalgary.ca</a>. Also see
   <a href="www.math.ucalgary.ca">www.math.ucalgary.ca</a> (click on "Course Listings") for information about this and all other math classes. The syllabus for this course is posted on the math website.
- 11. Lab sections: all quizzes will take place in assigned labs. Here is the information about the labs:

B01: W 14:00 - 14:50 MS319 K. Bauer kristine@math.ucalgary.ca B02: R 12:00 - 12:50 MS431 K. Bauer kristine@math.ucalgary.ca

- 12. Poster Project: Students will complete a final project comprising 15% of the total grade. The project is a poster presentation on a topic selected by the student and approved by the instructor. It is possible to work in small groups on this project, but every student will be expected to provide a short written summary of the project (1-2 pages in length) written without consultation with any other students in the class. Failure to adhere to this rule will constitute academic misconduct. The bonus projects are due on the last day of class, which is Friday, April 17. The project will be graded on three components: (1) Mathematical content; (2) spelling, grammar and clarity of expression; (3) visual presentation. Further information can be found on the course website (www.blackboard.ucalgary.ca).
- 13. Mastery Quiz: The mastery quiz is a test of basic arithmetic skills. You have three chances to pass this quiz with a grade of 90% or better. Each attempt at the quiz lowers your recorded score by 10%. Failure to pass the quiz in three attempts with a grade of 90% or better will result in a grade of 0 on the quiz. A sample quiz may be found on the course website (www.blackboard.ucalgary.ca).
- 14. Missed components: There will be no make-up quizzes. If the mid-term exam must be missed for some legitimate reason, special arrangements can be made with the instructor. A missed final exam is subject to the usual rules for a deferred final exam.

Date	Topics	Deadlines
January 12 - 16	Problem solving & algebra	
January 19 - 23	Fractions and exponents	Mastery Quiz
January 26 - 30	Numeration & computation	Mastery Quiz (attempt 2)
February 2 – 6	Number theory (divisibility)	Quiz 1: Chapter 4 Numeration
February 9 – 13	Number theory (modular arithmetic)	Mastery Quiz (attempt 3)
February 16 – 20		Reading week – no lectures.
February 23 – 27	Geometry (triangles)	Quiz 2: Chapter 5 Number Theory
March 2 – 6	Geometry (non-Euclidean geometry & art)	Midterm Exam Friday, March 6
March 9 – 13	Graph Theory	Quiz 3: Chapter 8 Geometry
March 16 - 20	Counting	Quiz 4: Chapter 3 Graph Theory
March 23 – 27	Probability	
March 30 – April 3	Probability	Quiz 5: Chapter 12/13 Counting & Probability
April 6 – April 10	Statistics	No lecture Friday, April 10.
April 13 – April 17	Statistics	Quiz 6: Chapter 13/14 Statistics. Poster projects presentation 4/18.
April 20 - 30	Final Exam Period	The final exam will be scheduled by the registrar.