Math 20 Course Policy Summary

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Course Website

- By now you should have found the course website: math20.stanford.edu.
- Everything about the course will either be posted to that website, or quickly accessible from it.
- A longer Course Policy Document (CPD) is posted on the course website, this presentation is merely a summary of the most important points!
The Course Staff

Here we are (not to scale):

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Calculators are not necessary for this class.

Why? The answer “ln(2)” is much better than “0.69314718056” because it is exact.

The use of electronics is prohibited during exams.
If you have a homework question, ask it on Piazza (this is way better than emailing us).

We may post hints and clarifications to homework on Piazza as well, so make sure you’re paying some attention to it.

Homework, quiz, and exam grades will be recorded using a service called Gradescope. Your exams will also be graded using gradescope. It’s the future!

We will not be using Canvas.
Course Calendar

- During a typical week there are three lectures (M/W/F) one homework (due at the beginning of lecture), and one reading quiz (due dates TBD).
- Regular office hours will be posted to the course website.
- **The midterm exams will be held 1:30–2:20 PM on Friday, April 28th and Wednesday, May 24th**
- **The final exam will be held 7–10 PM on Friday, June 9th.**
- There are no lectures or office hours on Memorial Day (Monday, May 29th).
Homework

► Homework: **It’s important! Do it.**
► HW is due at the beginning of lecture on the listed due date.
► Assignments will usually consist of both book problems and supplemental problems that I write myself. **The supplemental problems are NOT optional.**
► Start working on the assignment, or at least read the problems early! It helps immensely.
► Your homework scores will be recorded using Gradescope. Let us know if there are any issues within three days of the scores being uploaded there.
► Your lowest homework score is dropped.
► There will also be short, low-stress reading quizzes (online) to make sure you keep up to speed on the material.
If you think there’s a problem with how something is graded, there’s a form for that (linked from the course website).

Your numerical grade is 20% HW/quizzes and 80% Exams (more details in the CPD).

I assign letter grades using standard 90/80/70/60 cut-offs.

If you’re taking the course CR/NC, a C– or above is “credit.”

I generally don’t curve.
Extra Help

If you need extra help beyond class, office hours, and Piazza, there are various avenues open to you:

- Stanford VPTL provides free drop-in and appointment tutoring. Links are on the course website.
- The Math Department has hired a tutor specifically for the calculus (Math 19/20/21) sequence. Details TBA on the course website.
- I believe student-athletes have access to additional tutoring / academic support. Ask your team’s staff.
What to Do, Week 1

- Come to class!
- If you aren’t enrolled, fill out the *Enrollment Problems Form*.
- Make sure you’re registered with Piazza and Gradescope for the course. (Filling out the Enrollment Problems Form will get you added even if you aren’t enrolled.)
- Fill out the athletics survey, if you’re an athlete.
- If you have an OAE accommodation, **email me** ASAP.
- If you have a conflict with an exam, **email me** ASAP. (Note: Math Dept. policy states that students must all take an exam on the same day. See the CPD for more details.)