

M 408 L Fall 2004 Discussion Section First Day Handout. READ IT.
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How to get help:

1. BEST: come to class and ask questions during, before, or after class.
2. SECOND BEST: come to my office hours which are Monday and Wednesday from 2-5 PM. Almost everyone should be available during one of those times. (I remind you that Dr. Harper also has office hours from 11-12 MWF)
3. So-so: if you need to reach me in a pinch during the day, email me. I check my email pretty frequently during weekdays but not so much in the evening/weekend. Please don't email me with questions that were answered in class. It will irritate me.
4. Least good: phone me. Only use this method if you need to reach me immediately or do not have email. If you leave a message, you risk me not finding it for several days because I kind of ignore the phone a lot.

My details:

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As yet there is nothing helpful to you on my web page but I may add useful material at some point. Or not. But there it is. The much more useful page is <http://www.ma.utexas.edu/~shinko/>.

More help:

The learning center (Jester third floor) has tutoring. It is free for people with scholarships I believe.

A bunch of obvious advice that you won't follow anyway:

1. Keep up. In some subjects you can get behind and catch up. Math isn't one of them. I think the best ways to keep up are to come to all classes and start the homework when it is assigned (at least one or two problems the same day; this will aid memory retention).
2. Study with friends. Find some people in the class who live nearby. Get their phone numbers etc.
3. If you miss a class, ask a friend for notes, announcements, etc.
4. It's ok to ask dumb questions.

Policies:

1. I will keep attendance. It will not count toward your grade but may be used for other nefarious purposes.
2. I will collect homework on Thursdays in class. PLEASE WRITE YOUR DISCUSSION TIME ON THE HOMEWORK. And I would really prefer it if you came to your assigned discussion but if you cannot on some particular day then you may go to the other one. Homework will probably be handed back one week later.
3. I would prefer you bring your book to class as I will refer to it from time to time. I would also prefer it were lighter, but oh well. You will probably want to bring a calculator too.

Discussions: T-Th 10-11 AM in RLM 6.114 and 4-5 PM in RLM 5.112

Now I'm out of space so that's all.