

Fall 2008 - Math 141: Business Math I Syllabus

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Course Content: Lines, Functions, and Models (1.2-1.5), Systems of Equations and Matrices (2.1-2.7), Linear Programming (3.1-3.3), Counting (6.1-6.4), Probability (7.1-7.6), Statistics (8.1-8.6), Finance (5.1-5.3), and Markov Chains (9.1-9.2). Prerequisites: High school algebra I and II and geometry. Note: Credit will only be given for either Math 141 or Math 166, but not for both.

141-529: MWF 11:30am-12:20pm CHEN 102

141-530: MWF 12:40-1:30pm CHEN 111

Textbook: *Finite Mathematics for the Managerial, Life, and Social Sciences*, 9th edition by Tan
ISBN: 0-495-38753-3

Calculator Policy: A TI-83, TI-83PLUS, TI-84, or TI-84PLUS is **REQUIRED**; these will be the only calculators I will use in class for demonstrations, and you may use any one of these calculators on most of the quizzes and tests. *NOTE: It is considered CHEATING to have notes, formulas, or programs in your calculator other than the ones I give you to use. Consequences for cheating will be severe.*

Daily Grades: Your overall daily grade will consist of Quizzes and Homeworks combined. See below.

Homework: Your daily suggested homework will prepare you for your quizzes and tests, but will not be turned in for a grade. It is crucial that you work these problems. If you need help on these problems, please see the streaming video solutions on my web-site. You will be taking homework assignments on an on-line system (CengageNOW) which will be counted as Daily Grades.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given in class. There will be NO make-up quizzes if you miss class without a University Excused Absence. Quizzes may or may not be announced so it is imperative that you keep up with your homework.

Exams: There will be three in-class exams. You must bring your Student ID to each exam. Calculators will be checked during or before each test. If there are any programs on your calculator which I did not give you, the occurrence will be considered as scholastic dishonesty. The tentative exam schedule is as follows:

Exam 1 Wednesday, 17/September/2008

Exam 2 Wednesday, 15/October/2008

Exam 3 Wednesday, 12/November/2008

Make-up Policy: No make-up quizzes or exams will be given without an official, written, University Excuse. An absence for a non-acute medical service or regular check-up does not constitute an excused absence. In case of illness, you **MUST** contact me within **TWO** working days of the missed exam; otherwise, you forfeit the right to a make-up. For more information please see the *University Student Rules*. Please note that I will **NOT** accept the *Explanatory Statement for Absence from Class* form as sufficient written documentation of an excused absence.

Final Exam: The final exam will be comprehensive and will consist of multiple choice problems only. The final exam schedule is as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Class Time</u>	<u>Final Exam Date and Time</u>
141-529	MWF 11:30am-12:20pm	Wednesday, 10/December/2008 10:30am-12:30pm
141-530	MWF 12:40-1:30pm	Monday, 8/December/2008 10:30am-12:30pm

Grading: A(90-100%), B(80-89%), C(70-79%), D(60-69%), F(0-59%)

3 Exams - 18% each	54%
Daily Grades	23%
Final Exam	23%
TOTAL	100%

Grades: Any questions concerning the grading of a Daily Grade or Exam must be presented to me within one week of the return of the assignment. Otherwise the grade will not be changed. I will be posting grades during the semester on E-Learning. Please go to <http://elearning.tamu.edu> to login.

Class Policies: To succeed in this class, attendance is a necessity. Be on time to class!! Once in the classroom, you will be expected to be respectful to everyone. This includes turning off and putting away cell phones, ipods, and newspapers. Also, it is very disrespectful to talk during lecture. If I feel you are being disrespectful, I will tell you to leave the classroom.

Available Help: If you are having problems please come to my office hours as soon as possible. Other sources of help include streaming videos, help sessions, and week-in-reviews. The days and times will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.

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Tentative Schedule (MWF Classes)

Week of	M	T	W	R	F
8/25	1.2		1.3		1.4/1.5
9/1	2.1/2.4		2.2		2.3
9/8	2.5		2.6		2.7
9/15	R1		X1		3.1
9/22	3.2		3.3		6.1
9/29	6.1		6.2		6.3
10/6	6.4		7.1/7.2		7.3
10/13	R2		X2		7.4
10/20	7.5		7.5		7.6
10/27	8.1		8.2		8.3
11/3	8.4		8.5		8.6
11/10	R3		X3		5.1
11/17	5.2		5.3		9.1
11/24	9.2		RF	NC	NC
12/1	RF		NC	NC	XF
12/8	XF	XF	XF		

LEGEND: X:Exam R:Review NC:No Class