Math 160 – Finite Mathematics

Spring 2023 Course Syllabus Highlights

These are highlights from the full syllabus, which is available on the instructor's website.

Course Meeting Information

The Spring 2023 semester begins January 17 and ends May 15.

Section 01 meets in W249 from 12:30 to 1:40 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Here are some important dates.

- January 27 is the last day to withdraw and get a refund.
- May 9 is the last day to withdraw from the course without receiving a letter grade.
- The comprehensive final exam is Wednesday, May 10, from 12:00 to 1:50 pm.
- No late work will be accepted after May 12.

This is a face-to-face course that uses the Canvas learning management system. We will not be using Pearson's MyLab and Mastering. There is an online student orientation to Canvas and the College that must be completed prior to obtaining access to your courses in Canvas.

Submitting assignments in Canvas does not count as attending class. Assignments will be due throughout the week and, per federal guidelines, you should expect to dedicate a minimum of 12 hours per week to this course.

Instructor Information

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The best way to contact the instructor is through Canvas or by email. Please do not leave a voice mail as it will not reach the instructor in time to help you.

I spend most of my office hours in the classroom before and after class. This allows me to help students with their assignments, homework, projects, exams, and questions. Students are encouraged to come to class early each day and use that time to ask questions of the instructor, work on projects, or just socialize with other students in the course.

These office hours are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in room W249.

8:45–9:00 am, 10:10–10:30 am, 12:20–12:30 pm, 1:40–2:00 pm, 3:10–3:45pm

Text

The textbook for this course is *Finite Mathematics for Business, Economics, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences, 13th edition*, by Barnett, Ziegler, and Byleen. It is copyright 2015 by Pearson.

We are using the 13th edition, which is not the most recent edition of the text. You are welcome to use either the printed or electronic textbooks with this course, just make sure that whatever you get is not bundled with MyMathLab.

- ISBN-13: 978-0-321-94552-5 is a hardcover stand-alone version of the textbook. This can be purchased or rented from the bookstore.
- ISBN-13: 978-0-321-94672-0 is the unbound, loose-leaf, three-hole-punch version of the textbook. It is a cheaper alternative to a hardcover textbook.

Grading Policy

The final grade is a weighted average of exams (50%), homework (20%), projects (10%), reading quizzes (10)%), and discussions and notations (10%).

Final scores will be rounded to the nearest integer and then letter grades will be assigned:

A: 90-100% B: 80 - 89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: below 60%

Scoring is subject to audit and may change if mistakes are found. The gradebook in Canvas may show your grade with a + or –, but the final course grade will not have these attached.

Highlights

- Keep in communication with the instructor, especially if things get in the way of learning.
- You must have a TI-83 or TI-84 calculator and get the calculator programs for it.
- Go into the Canvas course and use the modules. Do not just use the To Do list.
- Discussions and exam questions are graded holistically using an *awesome* (105%), *good* (90%), *okay* (75%), *fair* (60%), *poor* (45%), and *none* (0%) system.
- You need to monitor and respond to your Canvas notifications and Richland email.
- You are expected to attend and participate in class each day.
- Students who do not communicate with the instructor, have irregular or infrequent attendance, or are failing before midterm may be dropped from the course.
- This course makes heavy use of technology, but it is not the focus of the course.
- All work must be original and completed during the Spring 2023 semester to receive credit.
- You should expect to average spending a minimum of 12 hours per week on this course.