Math 275-003  
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ILC 202, MWF, 7:30-8:45  

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*Or drop in to see if I’m available*  
or *make an appointment*  

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In this course we will be covering Chapters 12 through 17. You will be responsible for homework that I will assign as well as online, in-class worksheets, and exams. On Blackboard I will have a variety of documents that will help keep you informed (for example, Goals and Practice Problems, Homework and Exam Schedule).  

The online homework is with WebAssign. To get started go to the WebAssign page: _Enroll with Class Key_. The class key for our section is **boisestate 0541 5783**. Follow the instructions. If you purchased a textbook through the BSU Bookstore, your text should include a WebAssign access code. Otherwise, you will need to purchase your access code online. You have two weeks of free access before you need to purchase access. For more information, see the [WebAssign Student Quick Start Guide](#).  

Once you have registered, you can use the notification settings to receive automatic email notifications from WebAssign. You can access notification settings using the “Notifications” link at the top right of your course page. Selecting one (or more) of the “Remind me by email before an assignment is due...” options is strongly recommended. More than one box may be selected. Other notifications are optional. You may want to edit your email address under “Notification Contact Info” so notifications are sent to an email account you check regularly.  

The problems for Chapter 12 will be “practice” for you to get used to the system. After that I will start counting these problems as part of your grade. The WebAssign assignments will be worth 8% of your grade.  

There will be 10 homework assignments that will be turned in to me to grade. The schedule for this homework is available on Blackboard. The problems will be given to you via Blackboard as well. The
lowest homework score will be dropped; therefore no late homework assignments will be accepted. Homework will be worth 14% of your grade.

On most Wednesdays (depending on the exam schedule) we will spend time working in groups on worksheets. You will be responsible for the work that is done in class on those days. You will not be able to make up work missed if you do not come to class on “Worksheet Wednesdays”. You will get to drop 1 worksheet (out of 12 we will have during the semester) so choose carefully if you intend to miss a day! This worksheet work will be worth 8% of your grade.

Throughout the semester, I will be asking you to write on a question concerning work done in class—these are called “minute papers.” You need to be in class to get credit for the minute papers. These will occur on Fridays at the beginning of class on weeks that we have a Wednesday worksheet. The minute papers will be worth 5% of your grade.

Two in-class exams and one take-home exam will be given during the semester. The dates for the exams are available on Blackboard. No make-up exams will be given. The first two exams will have 2 problems (out of a set of 3 problems) that can be done after each exam is over and turned in at the next class period. If you choose to rework the problems, the scores for those problems will replace the scores on the exam. You are encouraged to work together on the redo problems, though each person needs to turn in their own solutions. The problems that can be redone can be found on Blackboard after the class period during which the exam is given. Exam 3 will be a take-home exam which you will do on your own. There will be no redo problems for this exam. I will post the exam on Blackboard. You can also look there for the due date. Each exam will be worth 15% of your grade.

The final exam date and time for this class is **Monday, Dec. 14 from 7:00am-9:00am**. The final exam will be worth 20% of your grade.

Your grade will come from the standard percentages of 90-100% A, 80-89% B, etc.

It will be important for you to read your textbook and work the practice problems. The more problems you can work, the better off you will be. You will need to be able to work the problems without the benefit of your book or other outside help. I will also expect that you understand the process that we are learning. If you can describe a process or problem solving method to someone else, you usually know it—so it might be helpful for some of your time outside of class to be working with others.
As with all math classes, you should expect to work at least 2 hours outside of class for every hour spent in class. Please look at your “life schedule” and see if you can make this commitment.

Tyler Gordon is the Learning Assistant (LA) for this course. Please make use of his session times and the times that he is helping out in class.

Please take advantage of my office hours. If you cannot make the times I have scheduled, hopefully another time can be found. Talk to me or email me if this is an issue. You may also email me questions and I will try to respond in a timely manner or during the next class period.

All students are expected to know and follow the Boise State University Student Code of Conduct which includes a section on academic dishonesty.