

Note as well that between the WeBWorK and the text problems, there is a lot of homework. You should do as much as possible; the WeBWorK portion is slightly less than a bare minimum. We will have limited class time for homework issues, so you will need to come by my office with questions.

I will also assign reading each night; you will read the section for the next day. To help you focus on the material, I will post a few relevant questions on my website for the first few weeks. You should try to answer these for yourself as you read; you'll get a chance to answer them and others for me in class the next day. (I will not collect these.) In lecture, I will present the main ideas and some examples, and answer questions. There is not sufficient class time for me to cover everything, however, so you will need to be somewhat independent. Work all of the examples for yourself, and try to answer my questions and your own questions, as well. When you can't do so, **come see me!**

Please note: Our class time is very limited; we are only together for three hours each week. That means that you **must** read the text before class; I will assume that you have done so and present my lectures accordingly. If you have not, you will be left in the dust. I will also skip some routine algebraic steps, skipping more and more as the semester goes on. Be sure to work through the steps for yourself when you are studying; we won't have time to do that in class. It will be much more productive for us to focus on the new information and ideas rather than the algebraic details of specific computations. (This is also a chance for you to hone your mental algebra skills!)

Maple: We will be using Maple regularly. We will have some in-class Maple activities to help you get acquainted, and my lecture will usually include some Maple instruction, but most Maple work will be outside of class. Commands in Maple and WeBWorK are often the same; for example, in both $\sqrt{2}$ is represented by **sqrt(2)**. To obtain an exponent, as in x^2 , use $x \wedge 2$. Also, both are very precise about order of operations, so you will need to be, too. If you want $\frac{1}{2x}$, you will need to enter $1/(2 * x)$. (The asterisk is required for multiplication in Maple, although WeBWorK also allows other notations.) See the course website for more information on Maple commands and syntax. I recommend that you also keep a page of Maple notes in the back of your notebook for quick reference to the commands we use frequently. Maple will be available to you on all exams.

You are entitled to a discount for a personal version of Maple 12. You are **not** required to purchase Maple yourself; it is available on the lab machines in Collins 407. Should you want your own copy, enter the promotion code at checkout to receive your discount. The website is here:

http://www.maplesoft.com/academic/adoptioncenter/adoptioncenter_coursedetail.aspx?EID=3762

There are three midterm exams; please note that the dates below **are subject to change** if necessary.

Exam I	Wednesday, September 24
Exam II	Wednesday, October 22
Exam III	Wednesday, November 19

The final for our section will be on Saturday, December 20 from 8 to 11 AM. You may not make up any missed exam. If an emergency arises, **contact me prior to the exam.**

Please note: Written responses to all questions must be in complete sentences. I expect correct usage of grammar, spelling, and punctuation at all times; your grade will reflect this! I also expect your work to be neatly written.

If you have special needs (e.g., for a documented disability), it is your responsibility to approach me at least a day in advance of the need for accommodation. To receive accommodation, you must be registered with Disability Services; this office is located in Bishop Health Center in Baxter Hall. (Phone: (503) 370-6471.)

Cheating absolutely will not be tolerated. The minimum penalty for cheating is a 0 on the assignment and a formal notification to the dean. I encourage you to work together on your homework, but your final write-up **must** be your own.

My door is usually open. The office hours above are the times I will definitely be in my office (or nearby), but you are welcome to come by at other times as well. Make sure you come see me whenever you have a question.