Math 242 Syllabus

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Textbook: Mathematical Analysis (second edition) by Tom Apostol.

Approximate course contents: After a quick run-through of chapters 3 and 4 (familiar material in new settings), we will cover chapters 7-9, 12, 13. We will not cover all of every chapter, but we will cover what I consider to be the most significant parts, and that will be a lot.

Grading: I will give out four or five large homework assignments during the term. Reading assignments, homework sets, and solutions will be posted on the website. There will be a midterm (at a time to be announced) and a final. These three elements will be weighted as follows in figuring your grade: 60% homework, 15% midterm, 25% final. Practically all of the problems on the homeworks, midterm, and final will be proofs or will have proofs as essential parts of their solutions.

Late homeworks, missed tests, etc.: I am usually pretty easy about these, as long as you have a legitimate excuse (illness, car trouble, religious observance, family emergency, etc.). I will be happy to grant short extensions on homework (as long as everybody isn’t asking for them) or to arrange convenient times and places to make up missed exams. If you know you won’t be here on the day of an exam, let me know ASAP.

Usually I will not ask for written verification of excuses, but I might start doing so if I feel that people are abusing my trust. If I do ask you for such verification, you should not think that you are the bad guy. However, you should be prepared to provide written verification (from a doctor or an adviser) if you fail to show up for the midterm or final.

Fair warning: If you come to an exam feeling ill, take it, and do badly on it, you will be stuck with the score.

Policy on learning disabilities: If you have a learning disability that requires special accommodations (such as untimed or large-print exams), the University and I will be happy to provide them. However, it is your responsibility to inform me and ACCESS (656-7753) well ahead of time if you do require such accommodations. Any request for special accommodations will be kept completely confidential.