MATH 285 Syllabus
Fall 2011
Section 503: W 1:50-2:40pm BLOC 123

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Webpage: www.math.tamu.edu/~baurispa – Check regularly for announcements and important information, as well as for lecture notes, a daily schedule, and other helpful links.

Catalog Description: Math 285: Directed Studies (Honors) – Special problems not covered by any other lower-division course in the curriculum; intended for freshman and sophomore students. Prerequisite: Approval of department head.

Learning Objectives:
• Explore the use of technology (such as Excel, Maple, TI 83/84 calculators, etc.) to expand on topics covered in the Honors section of Math 166.

Required Materials:
Calculator: A TI-83/84 or TI-83/84 Plus is required for this class.

Course Policies:
Grading: Your grade in lab is separate from Math 166 and will be based solely on work done in lab. You will complete lab assignments and projects throughout the semester. Your final grade will be the average of all your lab assignments and letter grades will be assigned as follows:

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90\% & \leq A \leq 100\% \\
80\% & \leq B < 90\% \\
70\% & \leq C < 80\% \\
60\% & \leq D < 70\% \\
0\% & \leq F < 60\%
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Due to FERPA privacy issues, I cannot discuss grades over email or phone. If you have a question about your grade, please come see me in person.

Exams: There will be no additional in-class exams or a final exam associated with lab. (See Math 166 Syllabus for exams.)

Make-up Policy: Make-up labs or assignments will NOT be allowed unless a University approved reason is given to me in writing. Notification before the absence is required when possible. Otherwise, you must notify me within 2 working days of the missed lab or assignment to arrange a makeup. See University Student Rules for more guidelines. In all cases where an lab or assignment is missed due to an injury or illness, whether it be more or less than 3 days, I require a doctor’s note. Further, an absence due to a non-acute medical service or appointment (such as a regular checkup) is not an excused absence.

Grade Appeals: If you believe an error has been made in grading, you have until the next class period after assignment has been handed back to let me know. Otherwise, you must accept the grade you received.

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Academic Integrity Statement: Cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please do not compromise your integrity for the sake of temporary benefits.

Aggie Honor Code: “An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do.”
Upon accepting admission to Texas A&M University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor System. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the TAMU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor System. For more information on academic integrity, see the Honor Council Rules and Procedures at http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor.

Tentative Schedule: A tentative lab schedule can be found on my webpage and will be updated as the semester progresses. The schedule is not set in stone and will change based on the material covered and the pace in which we cover it.