Math 166 - Fall 2008

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Class Times and Locations:

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Other Required Materials: All students must purchase an access code for the WebAssign online homework system by the end of the second week of classes.

Catalog Title and Description: (CREDIT 3.0) *Topics in Contemporary Mathematics II*. Finite mathematics, matrices, probability and applications. Prerequisites: High school algebra I and II and geometry. **Credit will not be given for more than one of MATH 141 and MATH 166.** Note: A tentative schedule for this course, including the topics to be taught, can be found on my web page and is attached to this syllabus.

Email Policy: Check your neo email account EVERY day. You are responsible for any information I send via email. Also, because of privacy rights, I cannot discuss grades via email or over the phone.

Grading Policy: Grades will be calculated according to the following percentages:

- Average of 3 Exams 50%  A = 90-100%
- Quizzes and Homework 25%  B = 80-89%
- Comprehensive Final Exam 25%  C = 70-79%
-  D = 60-69%
-  F = below 60%

Note: Any questions regarding grading/scoring must be made **within one week** of the return of the exam or quiz or no change in the grade will be made.

Make-up Policy: No make-ups will be given without written evidence of an official University excused absence. (See *University Student Rules*.) According to Section 7.3 of the *University Student Rules*, for an absence to be considered excused,

the student must notify his or her instructor in writing (acknowledged e-mail message is acceptable) prior to the date of absence if such notification is feasible. In cases where advance notification is not feasible (e.g. accident or emergency) the student must provide notification by the end of the second working day after the absence. This notification should include an explanation of why notice could not be sent prior to the class.

If no such notice is given, the rights to a make-up are forfeited. In addition (and also in accordance with *University Student Rules*), a **written** excuse must be presented upon return to class. Specifically, in the case of illness or injury, students are required to obtain a confirmation note from a health care professional affirming date and time of a medical office visit regarding the illness or injury. I will NOT accept the Explanatory Statement for Absence from Class form as sufficient written documentation of an excused absence.

Exams: There will be three in-class exams and a comprehensive final, tentatively scheduled as shown below. I will **NOT** curve test grades.

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<td>Exam 1 : Friday, Sept. 19</td>
<td><strong>Section 504:</strong> Wednesday, Dec. 10, 10:30am-12:30pm</td>
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<td>Exam 2 : Friday, Oct. 17</td>
<td><strong>Section 509:</strong> Tuesday, Dec. 9, 3:30pm-5:30pm</td>
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<td>Exam 3 : Friday, Nov. 14</td>
<td><strong>Section 510:</strong> Monday, Dec. 8, 10:30am-12:30pm</td>
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Quizzes and Graded Homework: Announced and unannounced quizzes will be given throughout the semester during class. Each quiz will be graded on a 10-point scale, and no make-up quizzes will be given without written verification of a University excused absence. Some graded homework assignments and quizzes will be completed online at http://webassign.net using your WebAssign computer account, while others may be given in a traditional take-home fashion. Deadlines for online assignments will be clearly stated on the homework website, and I will announce them in class. For any assignments that are to be turned in on paper, students must follow the Homework Rules posted on my website. No late homework assignments will be accepted without written verification of a University excused absence. Your lowest score in this category will be dropped before calculating your combined quiz/homework average.

Suggested Homework: A list of suggested homework problems from your Tomastik/Epstein textbook can be found on my webpage. These problems will not be collected for a grade, but completing them is essential to doing well in the course.

Attendance: I STRONGLY suggest that you make every attempt to not miss a single day of lecture. Falling behind in this course can be very detrimental to your grade.

Calculators: The TI-83, TI-83 Plus, or TI-84 graphing calculator is required for this course. Use of any other calculator is not allowed, and the use of other calculators will not be discussed in class. Sharing calculators during quizzes and exams is strictly forbidden and is considered an act of scholastic dishonesty. The only programs you will be allowed to have on your calculator are those (if any) that I give you in class. All other programs must be erased from your calculator–no exceptions.

Scholastic Dishonesty: You are encouraged to work together on the suggested homework problems, but do not copy another student’s work. Copying work done by others, either in class or out of class, is an act of scholastic dishonesty and will be prosecuted to the full extent allowed by University policy. Storing formulas or unauthorized programs in your calculator is also an act of scholastic dishonesty and will not be tolerated. Using or having an unapproved program or any formulas stored in your calculator during an exam will result in a zero on the exam. Always abide by the Aggie Code of Honor: An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do. Please refer to Honor Council Rules and Procedures at http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor for more information on academic integrity and scholastic dishonesty.

Extra Help: Please feel free to ask questions in class. If you need more help, come by my office during office hours or make an appointment to see me. The Math Department also offers help sessions, week-in-review sessions, and streaming videos for this course. The help sessions begin the second week of classes and have drop-in hours where you can get help with your homework or other problems. Check the “Help Sessions” link on my web page for the schedule. The Fall 2008 Math 166 Week-In-Reviews will start the second week of classes and be held Monday nights from 7:15pm-9:15pm in Blocker 102. These review sessions will be held every week except for the weeks following exam weeks and will cover the material taught in class the previous week. The practice problems for the week-in-reviews can be found on my website. You should print these problems and bring them with you to the review. Finally, a link to the streaming videos can be found on my Math 166 website.

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