

# Information Sheet for Math 302 Spring 2009

**Class Meets:** MTRF 11am in MH 112

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**Office Hours:** MTRF 10am

**Course Website:** [http://myweb.facstaff.wvu.edu/curgus/Courses/302\\_200902/302.html](http://myweb.facstaff.wvu.edu/curgus/Courses/302_200902/302.html)

**Sources:** • The notes

- Everything said in class and your record of it. It is your responsibility to make sure that your record of what was presented in class is correct.
- Me. You can and should ask me any question. I will help you with a hint or a general philosophy that could be used. If your question has already been discussed in class I will provide a detailed answer. It would be very useful (for both you and me), if you put your questions in writing. You should describe the strategies that you attempted in solving a problem and difficulties that you encountered.
- You. (This should have been the first item on the list.)
- Others. You can talk to other students in class and read their notes. This relates particularly to the material already discussed in class. If you have had substantial assistance in doing a problem, it should be a matter of honor not to use that problem for your class presentation.

**Exams:** There will be three exams: two “mid-term” exams (E1 and E2) and a final exam (EF). All exams are comprehensive. The dates for the “mid-term” exams are Tuesday, April 28 and Friday, May 29. The final exam is scheduled for Monday, Jun 8 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. There will be no make-up exams. If you are unable to take an exam for a very serious reason verified in writing, please see me beforehand so that alternative arrangements may be made. This does not apply to the final exam.

**Assignments:** There will be two written homework assignments (A1 and A2). These assignments will be handed out one week before they are due. They will be graded and the grade will count towards the final grade.

**Classroom** presentations are an important part of this class. I will keep a record of the quantity and quality of your presentations and your grade for classroom presentations (CP) will be based on both.

**Grading:** Each exam, assignment and the total of classroom presentations will be graded by an integer between 0 and 100. Your final grade will be determined using the following formula

$$FG = \lceil 0.25*CP + 0.25*(E1 + E2)/2 + 0.2*(A1+A2)/2 + 0.3*FE \rceil ,$$

The letter grade will be assigned according to the following table.

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| F : 0 - 49   | D : 50 - 54 | C-: 55 - 59  | C : 60 - 64  | C+ : 65 - 69 |
| B- : 70 - 74 | B : 75 - 79 | B+ : 80 - 84 | A- : 85 - 89 | A : 90 - 100 |

**Warning:** This course will have fewer fixed deadlines and exams than your other courses. Your continuous active involvement is necessary for the success in this course. Acquiring the mastery of the material in this course is a very gradual process. Spending few days studying before exams and presentations will not be sufficient. Be warned that yielding to the temptation to put other courses first will have serious consequences.

It is very important to keep good notes of what is presented in class. A part of your daily homework is to revise and critically assess the notes that you have taken. If you are not absolutely confident that your notes, after your revision, are correct, please talk to me or other students.