

Calculus I / Math 20a / 8216; M – Th: 8 – 11 a.m., PS 103, Summer 2011, John Haussermann
Text: Calculus: Early Transcendentals, Stewart, 6th edition, Brooks Cole (Cengage)

Welcome to Calculus I. I will be your instructor for Math 20a.

Familiarize yourself with this “green sheet” (syllabus), the schedule, and the objectives for this course. The schedule includes homework from the text. I will expect you to have attempted some of the problems and to have read the text before class; (you don’t have to understand it). During class, I will go over key points, do examples, and help with any difficulties you encountered with the concepts or problems.

Homework: To get full credit for homework, you must do at least 5 problems from each assigned section. But remember that the less you understand the more problems you should do! If you need it, get help from me, your classmates, or the Math Learning Center. A homework grade of 0 through 4 will be assigned for each week’s homework based on your effort, not the answers. Clearly label each section and problem (from the book), show all your steps, and be neat & organized.

Tests: There are 7 weeks of instruction during the summer. Each Thursday there will be a 50-minute test.

Web pages: Class site for registered students:

<http://mympc.mpc.edu/sites/classes/201158216/default.aspx> has course information, course documents, and current scores after weekly work is graded. My MPC faculty web site (go to “Faculty & Staff” from the MPC home page, then click on my name) has general information:

<http://www.mpc.edu/FacultyStaff/JohnHaussermann/Pages/JohnHaussermann.aspx>

Office Hours: by arrangement before class, in the classroom; I also encourage you to take advantage of the Math Learning Center (to get help from other instructors and tutors). The Math Learning Center is in BMC 103. A schedule should be posted outside BMC 103 (and in math classrooms). You will need a referral form, from me, that I will hand out on the first day.

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Calculator Policy: You may not use a calculator on any of the tests. If you’d like to learn how to use a calculator with calculus, I can help you. I recommend getting a TI 89 Titanium.

Grades will be based on: homework (28 points) and tests (70 points). There are 98 total points possible. An A is 90% or better, a B is 80% or better, a C is 70% or better, a D is 60% or better, and below 60% is an F. Late homework and missed tests will be scored 0, unless you have made arrangements with me. There is no extra credit.

Contact me as soon as possible if you are going to miss a graded assignment (preferably before): text message (831) 869-9031; email jhaussermann@yahoo.com.

Be on time. Instruction starts at 8 a.m. **Except on test days, (Thursdays), attendance is not mandatory.** If you’re going to be late then don’t come until an hourly break. The door will be closed & locked at 8:01 a.m. and no one will be allowed in after that time, unless a test is in progress. If you leave during class, you won’t be able to get back in, so plan accordingly. Remember to silence your cell phone.