MATH 121 - Fall 2012
Single Variable Calculus

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Textbook and Materials
Calculators: In class, you may not use any calculators or other electronic devices.
Instructor’s Course page: https://moodle.wesleyan.edu/course/view.php?id=5727

Course Outline
We will cover approximately the first five chapters of Stewart’s book. A detailed schedule is available on moodle. Please note that this schedule, along with everything on this syllabus is subject to change. Please also note that this is a “late transcendentals” calculus course, so that exponentials and logarithms will be confined to the end of the course.

Grade Components

• Homework (10 percent): Your homework will be given on moodle and by homework session leaders.

• In-class tests (20 percent each): There will be two in-class tests during the semester. Test dates will be announced in class and posted on moodle.

• Quizzes and participation (10 percent): Assume you will have a quiz in each class period, but be active in class in case we don’t have time for a quiz.

• Final Exam (40 percent): The cumulative final will have its date announced by the University at mid-semester, but right now it looks to be on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7-10PM.

A note on Office Hours
Office hours are an opportunity for you to speak with me about issues in the course. Although I expect to get mostly questions about calculus or lecture, I am willing to talk about almost anything. Everyone in the course will have a reason to come to office hours. Even if you know all the course topics, just sitting in will allow you to stay mathematically engaged and to learn the material more deeply. If you are lost and don’t even know how what question to ask, showing up lets me know that you are trying and often I can diagnose what kind of difficulty you are having and how to solve it. If you know each course topic perfectly then I could probably write you a very good letter of recommendation, at least if I know you well. I probably won’t know you well unless you come to office hours. If none of that appeals to you, I will have cookies for people who ask questions.

If you want to talk about grades or other privileged topics, I will also have office hours by appointment.

A note on attendance
Do not expect to be able to miss classes and still do well in the course. An excused absence is one
that involves prior notice and/or supporting documentation (which includes but is not restricted to doctors’ notes, proof of travel, etc.). Quizzes, homework, and tests that fall upon days of unexcused absences will count as a zero. Makeup quizzes and exams will NOT be given.

Class Conduct/Notes
The class atmosphere will be relaxed. To make sure of this, here are some guidelines:

- If you cannot make it to class for whatever reason, make sure that you know what happened during the lecture that you missed. It is your responsibility, and nobody else’s, to do so. Either contact another student, or the instructor as soon as possible.

- Arriving late and leaving early is disruptive to the learning environment of all class participants. If you have to arrive late or leave early, inform your instructor in advance.

- Please talk to me if you have any questions about the material. I have set aside my office hours to help you, so don’t hesitate to come. Individual appointments can also be made upon request of the student, with the expectation that professional courtesy is extended to the instructor by keeping such appointments.

- Questions during class are strongly encouraged; however, be sure to ask your questions in a manner that is courteous to both the instructor as well as to the other students.

- As a consequence of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I will not email grades under any circumstances; I also will not post grades outside my door or on any website I maintain; last, I will not discuss any grades via phone or fax. If you are curious as to your overall grade or grade on a particular assignment, please make an appointment to see me or stop by my office hours.

- Unauthorized use of copyrighted materials, including but restricted to posting them on the web, is prohibited.

Students with Disabilities
It is the policy of Wesleyan University to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Students, however, are responsible for registering with Disabilities Services, in addition to making requests known to me in a timely manner. If you require accommodations in this class, please make an appointment with me within two weeks of the start of class, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The procedures for registering with Disabilities Services can be found at http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/disabilities/studentguide.html.

Academic Integrity
All Wesleyan students have agreed to abide by the Honor Code of the university. Any instances of academic dishonesty will be brought before the Wesleyan University Honor Board. Please be aware that it is your duty as a Wesleyan student to not only remain academically honest yourself, but to report any instances of dishonesty to the Honor Board or to the instructor.