

Math 3305 online
Orientation Script

We will be covering 6 chapters. Each chapter will be supplemented by material that is NOT in the book, as always, and is part of modern geometry now. You are responsible for learning the material that is not in the book. I will usually point out that material so you can mark the video location of the material.

Each chapter will have several videos. I will try to keep them to about 40 minutes long or shorter. Each video will contain some pop quiz questions called “poppers” that you will have to answer online under the EMCF tab in your CourseWare account.

YELLOW FLASH!

Plan on about 15 minutes for doing that. So each video will be about an hour commitment or less. Each chapter will have a homework assignment that you will need to pdf and upload to the assignments tab in CourseWare and a series of essay questions that you will also have to upload individually to the assignments tab in CourseWare.

10 minute check!

My grader will grade the homework and I will grade the poppers and the essays.

We will have a one hour question and answer sessions every Tuesday at 10am under the TEAMS icon in PeopleSoft. These are NOT graded nor will I take attendance. This is just to answer questions and show you sketches or enrichment material. These sessions are flexible. You can pop in and out. I will say that if NOBODY comes by 10:30 I will shut it down and go do email. Which is the other way you can ask questions. I will look especially on Monday and Thursday mornings for email from you. I will also check email on any Tuesday sessions that end at 10:30.

So now you might be thinking about grades. I have mentioned poppers, homework and essays...these will be graded. We will also have a midsemester and a final. These will be take home items. I will make them

open book,

open notes, and

open internet.

Just not open mouth – no fair talking to friends, classmates, tutors or anyone else about the two tests. Now I will expect you to cite references, URL locations, the textbook pages, whatever is NOT your own words had better have a cite at the bottom of the page or the end of the question. I am not planning on being nice about plagiarism at all. I grade all tests personally.

Deadlines for all graded material will be firm. There will be an initial 50% point penalty for anything turned in late. So I am depending on you to be very careful about turning things in on time so I don't turn into a raving meanie over the course of the semester. In general poppers will be due on a Friday, homework on a Monday, and essays on a Thursday. One of each deadline per chapter. I urge you to set up a weekly schedule to keep up as the weeks pass by. Waiting til the last week won't work well and you will lose lots of points to lateness and not being able to recheck a video.

Now poppers are one point per questions and the number of questions per popper will vary depending on the length of the video. Homework will be 5 points per question and each homework assignment will vary in length. Essay questions will be 10 points each. Lists telling you about which questions by Chapter will be available in the videos and separately on my website and in the assignments section index.

The midsemester and final will mostly be free response questions that will be answered in essay format. As with the essays, I will grade on coherence and spelling as well as facts.

Percents are as follows:

Poppers	15%
Homework	20%
Essays	25%
Midsemester	20%
Final	25%
Tuesday sessions	00%

Note that Essays and the Final carry equal weight. Don't do a poor job by hurrying on those essays! Also 55% is truly under your control!!! Way more than each individual part percent wise.

Now generally, I am in the habit of sending email on Monday mornings to all students via the PeopleSoft utility connected to the roll sheet. If you want to receive your email somewhere other than PeopleSoft be sure to use the forwarding feature in PeopleSoft. You are responsible for reading my emails! Also, be sure to allow my emails into your private location – several of the large email providers mark UH email as spam because some classes look like a mass mailing. So check your spam folder the first few weeks of class and take care of that if you need to. I will NOT be backing off any penalties because you didn't check or fix your spam folder's setting.

Now, Here's Popper Zero. It's short and you can practice up on your technique for answering the questions in CourseWare. Under the EMCF tab is a listing for Popper Zero. Popper Zero's due date is on the Course Calendar on my website.

Popper Zero – Question One

I must, must, must attend the Tuesday morning session. Ms. Leigh will be taking attendance and grading my comments!

- A. True
- B. False

Popper Zero – Question Two

Deadlines are really quite inflexible. There is a substantial penalty for a late turn in.

- A. True
- B. False

Popper Zero – Question Three

The final is the most important part of the course it counts more than anything else percent wise.

- A. True
- B. False

Popper Zero – Question Four

When will Ms. Leigh decide that nobody is coming to the help session?

- A. Monday night – if nobody makes a reservation by 8pm
- B. Tuesday morning – at 10:10 am if nobody shows up
- C. Tuesday morning – at 10:30 if nobody shows up
- D. Tuesday morning – at 11:01 when it ends

Popper Zero – Question Five

There will be material in the course that is new and modern. I am responsible for learning this material

- A. True
- B. False

Popper Zero – Question 6

- I. Open book
- II. Open notes
- III. Open internet
- IV. Open mouth
- V. I, II, and III only

The two tests are:

- A. I and II
- B. III and IV
- C. V
- D. IV only
- E. none of the above