

Department Policies for Math 13xx

Your course syllabus and any policies specific to your course are on your teacher's web site.

Announcements will be made at the beginning of lecture, on your teacher's website, via email, and on the CourseWare site. Your teacher reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus/policies of the course and to announce such information as needed. You are responsible for knowing the content of any announcements concerning changes.

Calculators are not permitted, except in Math 1313 or Math 1314. For these courses, see your teacher's website for information about what type of calculator will be allowed.

The CourseWare site is located at www.casa.uh.edu. This site will be used for test reservations, testing, discussion board help, your gradebook, and other course information. You are responsible for setting up your account online at the CourseWare site.

Cell phones must be turned off before class begins. Cell phones may not be taken to the testing carrels in CASA Testing Center. Text-messaging during class is not permitted.

Cheating will not be tolerated. See page 8 of the Student Handbook for details.

The **Course Policies Quiz** will be available at the beginning of the semester and will remain open throughout the semester. You must take this quiz and score 100 on it BEFORE you will be allowed to use CourseWare for your online assignments, including quizzes, practice tests, and any online tests. **Math 1310 and Math 1314 students:** This means you have to score 100 on this quiz BEFORE you can take Test 1.

Daily Poppers will be taken each class day starting the 3rd week of classes. Multiple choice questions will be asked throughout the lecture. You will record your answers on the purple Scantron form and turn the form in at the end of each lecture. **It is your responsibility to bubble in the information at the top carefully and completely; incomplete, improperly bubbled or illegible Scantrons will not be graded.** Popper grades will be posted to your gradebook periodically.

You may buy a semester-pack of purple popper Scantrons at the Copy Center or the Book Store in the UC. Daily popper Scantrons WILL NOT be returned to students and will be shredded after scoring. **You must use the special Scantron form** and you **MUST** bubble in the information at the top properly!

You should keep a record of your popper answers separate from the Scantron. Your teacher will post daily popper solutions at regular intervals so you can check how you're doing. Your four lowest popper scores will be dropped before calculating your popper average for the semester to cover to allow for absences of any sort.

Dropping the course: You are responsible for making arrangements to drop the course if you wish to. If you wish to drop the course, complete and return the paperwork before the deadline to drop. Note that your paperwork must be turned in before the deadline; it is NOT sufficient to have your teacher sign the form before the deadline; the signed form must be turned in before the deadline. The receptionist in 651 PGH can help you if your teacher is not available to sign your form. **Do not** assume that your teacher will drop you for any reason or that your drop will be processed automatically. Pay attention to the deadline: keep a copy of your signed drop form; and check PeopleSoft to make sure your drop has been processed.

Email: Students are responsible for information about the course that is emailed to them using the email address that the students provide to the CourseWare site or the PeopleSoft site. It is the student's responsibility to keep the email address on file current and to make arrangements for email from the instructor, PeopleSoft, and CourseWare to reach the student.

Extra Credit: A practice test will be available online on CourseWare prior to each test. You may take it as many times as you want, and 10% of your highest score will be added to your test grade. Please note the date that the practice test expires, and complete the practice test well before that date. Also note that extra credit **will be added in your teacher's gradebook at the end of the semester** and **NOT to your test grades posted in your gradebook during the semester.**

Do not wait until the end of the time period to begin a practice test. CourseWare has limits on the number of logins available per hour. There will be no extensions or makeups allowed for these practice tests for any reason.

You may print out the Practice Tests and get help on baffling questions at the CASA Tutoring Center. Tutors are glad to help with questions off printed copies but are not allowed to help you if you're actually taking the practice test on the Tutoring Center computers.

Grading: The University standard grade system will be used. If x is your semester numerical score*:

A	$x > 93$	B-	$80 \leq x < 83$	D+	$67 \leq x < 70$
A-	$90 \leq x < 93$	C+	$77 \leq x < 80$	D	$63 \leq x < 67$
B+	$87 \leq x < 90$	C	$73 \leq x < 77$	D-	$50 \leq x < 63$
B	$83 \leq x < 87$	C-	$70 \leq x < 73$	F	Below

If you score below 60% on the final, including any extra credit points earned, your grade for the class will be an F. This applies to each 13xx course except 1311 and 1312. If you are in 1310, 1313, or 1314 and you score 70% or above on the final, then you will pass the course with at least a D-. If you are in 1300 or 1330, your computed average must be a passing score for you to pass the course; you cannot get an "automatic" pass by doing well enough on the final in these two courses.

***in 1330 the D- range is $60 \leq x \leq 62$.**

A grade of I for "incomplete" cannot be assigned unless you are passing the course at the time you request this grade AND you have a compelling NON-ACADEMIC reason for requesting one. Imminent failure is not an acceptable reason to be awarded an incomplete.

Grading ID Number: You will use your seven digit MyUH ID number as your Grading ID number on all the forms for grading: homework, popper, free response portion of any test and the final, if the final is a paper exam). If you mis-bubble your ID on any Scantron, your work will not be graded and you will receive a zero for your efforts.

Help for the course is available at CASA – Tutoring Center (222 Garrison). A Cougar One ID card is required to check in. Please check the department website for hours. Peer tutors will respond to raised hands as promptly as possible. Tutoring is also available at LSS (3rd floor of the Social Work building). Audiovisual tapes of most of the courses can be checked out from the publications department of the Library. Online help is available at <http://online.math.uh.edu>, and through the discussion board on Courseware. Streaming lectures are available for 1310, 1313, 1314, and 1330; see your teacher’s website for details.

Homework: Assigned homework is due two minutes before lecture starts. Homework must be submitted on time, in class. Homework will not be accepted early or late. Homework turned in late will be awarded a zero. Homework turned in early will not be graded. Illegible or improperly bubbled homework will not be graded. Not all homework problems submitted will be graded.

There are no make ups for homework assignments. Your four lowest homework scores will be dropped before calculating your average for the semester to allow for illnesses or excused absences of any sort. See the homework assignments and due dates on your teacher’s website.

Homework will be turned in on ONE red Scantron form PER assignment. Work the problems neatly in the order listed on your teacher’s website. Box in or highlight your final answer on each problem. Make sure ALL the identifying information filled/bubbled in on the front of the form is correct. (“Assignment Number” refers to the three digit assignment number on the list of homework assignments on your teachers website: 001, 002, 003...). Homework that does not conform with these standards will be penalized or not graded.

Each homework assignment must be submitted on one Scantron form. (Do not use two forms and staple them together; get all the work for one assignment on one form.) If you have two assignments due on one day, then you must use two forms; be sure to place the form in the correct pile when you turn it in!

Homework will NOT be returned. Graded homework may be viewed from your CourseWare gradebook page.

Red homework Scantrons may be purchased at the Book Store or the Copy Center.

Petitioning a homework grade: If you believe a mistake was made in grading your homework, you should contact your teacher by email or in person within 5 days after the homework grade is posted to your gradebook.

Online Textbooks: The table below gives the location of your online text:

Math 1300	http://online.math.uh.edu/Math1300
Math 1310	http://online.math.uh.edu/Math1310
Math 1313, 1314	http://casa.uh.edu
Math 1330	http://online.math.uh.edu/Math1330

Students in Math 1300 and 1310 may purchase a printed version of their text from the University Copy Center. Students in Math 1311 and 1312 use regular paper textbooks that are available in The Book Store.

Prerequisites: Students in every class but Math 1300 must demonstrate mastery of the material needed for academic success. Passing Test 1 with a score of 70% or higher is the easiest way to do this. If a student scores below 70% on Test 1, then the student is encouraged to drop the course in favor of taking the prerequisite course.

All students MUST take Test 1.

Scantrons: You need to buy two different Scantron packets – a set of purple Scantrons for your daily poppers (and any in-classroom tests) and a set of red Scantrons for your homework. The packets are available at The Book Store in the University Center.

Section Number: The section number for your course is the five digit number assigned to your course by the University. It may be called Course Number on your fee bill. Your teacher will announce it during the first couple of class periods at the beginning of the semester. You need to know this number by heart and to bubble it accurately on all Scantron forms submitted for grading. If you mis-bubble this number, your assignment will not be graded and you will receive a zero for your efforts.

Weekly quizzes: Soon after school starts there will be weekly online quizzes on your course site on CourseWare. You may take each quiz up to 20 times; your highest score for the period will be the grade recorded for the quiz. You must wait 10 minutes between attempts.

Please note the schedule for the quizzes. In the long semesters, the quizzes are usually up for about 10 days. In summer school you may have more than one quiz per week and the duration is less than a week. You are responsible for knowing the expiration date on each quiz. **THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY PERIOD FOR ANY REASON; ONCE THE TIME IS EXPIRED THE QUIZ WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ANY LONGER.**

At or about mid-semester, we will have LOCKOUT. The exact date and performance standards (by course) are on your instructor's website. If you have not met the performance standards (meaning you have too many quiz grades below 70%) then you will be locked out of CourseWare and you will not be able to take any more tests, practice tests, or quizzes for the rest of the semester.

Do not wait until the last afternoon to begin working on an online quiz! CourseWare has a finite number of "logins" that can be accommodated per hour and being unable to log on is not an excuse for missing a quiz, neither are viruses or hardware failures. There are no make-ups for online quizzes.

You may print out the quizzes and then get help on baffling questions in the CASA – Tutoring Center. Tutors are glad to help on these questions off printed copies, but are not allowed to help you if you are actually taking a quiz in the CASA – Tutoring Center

You must score 100 on the Course Policies Quiz before you can take any online quizzes. Any quizzes that you miss while you haven't finished the Course Policies Quiz will have a grade of zero.

Quiz help with technical problems: Technical questions can be resolved by sending email to technical support by using the link on the CourseWare homepage.

Test Information

Accommodations for testing will be handled appropriately. Please talk with your teacher privately and have the documentation for testing accommodations available at the beginning of the semester. Retroactive testing accommodations will not be made.

Reservations are required for most tests. The reservations site is at Courseware: <http://casa.uh.edu>. See your teacher's website for a list of which tests are given online, which are given in class, and which are given by reservation in the CASA Testing Center. You will be able to make reservations online about two weeks before each testing period begins. Please take advantage of this to get a convenient time and day. You may reschedule a test time subject to availability.

The Testing Center is also known as CASA. It is located in 221A Garrison. You will be required to show a **Cougar 1 card** to check in and take an exam in CASA (a drivers license will NOT be accepted). You will not be permitted to take personal belongings (including but not limited to purses, fanny packs, and backpacks) to your testing cubicle; you will be required to check them. You may not have a cell phone or a calculator with you in the testing cubicle. Neither the Department of Mathematics nor the University of Houston is liable for misplaced, lost, or stolen personal belongings.

Students who are tardy will NOT be seated. If you arrive more than 10 minutes after the test has begun (by CASA's clock, not your watch), then you will not be seated. You may reschedule the test into another time if one is available. Tardiness is not an acceptable reason to be given a make-up test. There will be NO stand-by seating. If you miss your test, you must reschedule and will not be permitted to hang around CASA to see if someone else no-shows.

Testing at CASA: Please read the FAQs on the CASA webpage for the registration process and testing procedures. You will be required to show your **Cougar 1 ID card**. for admission to the Testing Center; no other form of ID is permissible. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please arrive at the Testing Center at least 10 minutes BEFORE the test is scheduled to begin. Students arriving late at CASA for a reservation will NOT be seated.

50 MINUTE TESTS Don't push "submit"

Rescheduling: It *may* be possible to reschedule a test appointment during the testing period (depending on space availability) by using the online scheduler. Do not assume that you will be able to reschedule – check first! Makeup petitions citing an inability to reschedule will be denied. If you schedule your test in the last time available during a testing period, DO NOT miss the appointment time or be late.

Free Response questions: Most tests taken in CASA will have a free response part that is individually graded with partial credit. A pdf of your Free Response paper will be posted to your CourseWare gradebook about 10 days after the end of the testing period. Test papers without names and/or keycodes will not be graded and the recorded grade for the anonymous work will be a zero. Also, note that the work included on your scratch paper **WILL NOT** be graded.

Keycodes: Free response questions on tests taken in CASA will be worked on a special answer sheet that will be handed to you in CASA. DO NOT write in the keycode; a proctor will come to your test station to write in and stamp the keycode. It is your responsibility to verify that the keycodes have been written in by a proctor before you submit your test. Problems without keycodes will not be graded and the score for any such problem will be a zero.

Final Exam: The final exam is compulsory and comprehensive. Math 1310 students will take their final exam by appointment in CASA. All other students will take the final exam at the scheduled time in the classroom (see the schedule on the University website for the date and time). **You must have a score of at least 60% on the final exam, including any extra credit points earned on the practice test, to be ELIGIBLE to pass the course. No exceptions will be made to this rule.** If a student in any course (except Math 1300 and 1330) passes the final with a score of 70% (without extra credit points) or higher then that student may pass the class.

Identification on tests: You must carefully and accurately fill in the identifying information at the top of your free response form. Free response test papers without names or which are mis-bubbled will not be graded. The recorded grade will, necessarily, be a zero.

Make-ups: Make-up Tests are given by petition only! Contact your teacher within 5 working days of the end of the testing period to discuss a makeup; your teacher will handle all the details of permission and scheduling. Deadlines for petition submission are firm and no exceptions will be made. Makeup tests are NOT re-tests; **retesting is not permitted.**

Petitions are considered on a case by case basis by a committee that does NOT include your teacher. Good documentation is required for a makeup to be permitted (n.b. a note from a parent is NOT good documentation). Make-up tests may be both longer, harder, and of a different format than the original test. Make-up tests are not scheduled individually. They are given on a chosen Friday afternoon to every student with a petition that has been approved during the prior weeks. The make up tests are given about every 5 weeks. Each student will be allowed a maximum of **one makeup test per course per semester, and any approved makeup petition must satisfy all requirements listed above.**

Petitioning a test grade (Free Response portion): If you believe a mistake was made in the grading of your test paper, you should contact your teacher within five days after the grade is posted to your gradebook.

Retests: There will be no “re-tests”. If you earn a score that is not satisfactory to you, that is unfortunate but is no cause for you to be allowed to take the test again.

Tests during the semester are, in general, **50 minutes** long. Please make sure to attend to the time while you’re testing...do not spend too much time on any one question.