

University of Regina
Department of Mathematics and Statistics

MATH 127-001 Introductory Finite Mathematics II
Course Outline, Winter 2007-10

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Lecture Time: TR 1:00-2:15 in Education Auditorium 106.2

Textbook: Rolf, Howard L. Finite Mathematics, 6th edition. Brooks/Cole, 2005.

Calendar Description: This course is a continuation of MATH 101. Topics include elementary linear programming, an introduction to matrices, counting methods, permutations and combinations, probability and statistics, and consumer mathematics: interest calculations, annuities, and amortizations. MATH 127 is not algebra, nor pre-calculus, nor calculus. It satisfies the critical thinking requirement in the Faculty of Arts.

Prerequisites: Mathematics B30 or MATH 101 with a grade of at least 60%. Students are expected to have the proper prerequisite for the course. Students without the proper prerequisite may be removed from the class at any point during the semester. Students who have already received credit for any university mathematics or statistics course numbered 111 or above cannot take MATH 127 for credit, unless it is explicitly required for their program or they have received consent from the Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Course Content: This class is designed mainly for students in education who need exposure to mathematical ideas other than calculus. This course is a recommended class in the secondary education stream; many topics are related to the K12 curriculum. Topics include elementary linear programming: lines, linear inequalities, systems of linear inequalities; matrices: basic operations, multiplication, row operations, inverses, and applications; counting methods: fundamental principles of counting, permutations and combinations and their applications, and Pascal's Triangle; probability: mutually exclusive and independent events, conditional probabilities, odds, and expected value; statistics: mean, mode, variance, standard deviation, normal distribution, regression, and correlation; and consumer mathematics: simple and compound interest, future and present value of investments, annuity and amortization problems. With varying depths, the following chapters will be covered: 2.1-2.6, 3, 5, 6, 7.1-7.6, 8.1-8.7.

Evaluation:

Four Quizzes (various Thursdays, last 20 minutes of lecture):	20%
Group Work (various Thursdays):	20%
Midterm (Thursday, March 1):	20%
Midterm (Thursday, March 29):	20%
Final Exam, (Tuesday, April 24, 2 pm-5 pm):	20%

The quizzes will consist of problems taken nearly verbatim from the weekly problem sets.

Attendance Policy: Regular and punctual attendance provides a foundation for academic success, and is expected of all students. When the persistent lateness or absence of a student jeopardizes the learning or the evaluation of the work of others in the course, the student may be subject to penalty, including being dropped from the course or barred from writing the final examination. One written warning will be provided before such action is taken.

Assignment Policy: Problem sets will be assigned weekly on Tuesdays and will be the basis of quizzes to occur in the last 20 minutes of the lecture on the Thursday nine days after the problem set is assigned. You will find that test and exam questions are similar to and require mastery of the techniques and ideas from the problem sets, making it imperative that you take the problem sets seriously.

Test and Exam Policy: There will be no make-up tests for missed midterms. If you have a legitimate, documented excuse (such as a medical emergency), then the portion of the grade for the missed midterm will be added to the weight of the final exam. Undocumented or insufficiently legitimate excuses for absence from an exam will result in a grade of 0 for that exam. There are no make-up final exams except as (rarely) allowed by your faculty's rules.

Special Needs: Any student with a disability who may need accommodations should discuss them with the course instructor after contacting the Coordinator of the Disability Resource Office, RC 251.15, at 585-4631.

Honesty and Integrity: Please refer to section 5.14 of the University of Regina Undergraduate Calendar. In particular, quizzes, tests, and examinations are designed for students to show the instructor how well they have mastered the course material. Work presented on such evaluations therefore must be the student's own. Academic misconduct is dishonest behaviour or attempted dishonest behaviour which contravenes the general principle of academic honesty and which may include using books, notes, diagrams, electronic devices, or any other aids during an evaluation without the explicit permission of the instructor; copying from the work of other students; communicating with others during the evaluation; commissioning or allowing another person to write a test on one's behalf; communicating advance knowledge of an exam to others; and altering answers on a quiz, test, or examination that has been returned. Penalties for academic misconduct will include a grade of 0 on the evaluation in question and referral to the dean's office for further investigation.

Calculator Policy: A calculator may be helpful for some quizzes, tests, and examinations in this course. Use of a non-programmable calculator from the following list may be permitted on evaluations: Sharp EL510 (recommended), Casio fx-260, or Texas Instruments TI 30X. Use of any other calculator or electronic aid on a quiz, test, or examination without the prior permission of the instructor will be considered grounds for academic misconduct.

All three types of calculators are basically equivalent. All three come in both solar or battery powered versions as indicated by additional letters at the end of the name. For example, the U of R bookstore sells the Sharp EL 510RB (the battery powered model) for \$12.50. The TI 30X comes in both an A and a IIB model. The permitted calculators offer basic arithmetic functions, trigonometric, exponential, logarithmic, and hyperbolic functions, operations with fractions, and basic statistics, have single line display, and single number memory capability. The SHARP EL510 model is approved for use on College Entrance Examinations in the US. The TI 30X is approved for use by the Society of Actuaries for use on actuarial examinations.