

Math 1A Sections 308, 309
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Course: Math 1A - Calculus

Lecture: TH 12:30-2:00, 2050 VLSB
Section 308: MW 1:00-2:00 007 EVANS
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Welcome to Math 1A! Most course information is available on Prof. Borcherds' course website, but below is a basic run-through of how the section will go each week.

Homework and Quizzes: There will be weekly homework assigned by Prof. Borcherds which will be due in section on Monday. We will have a weekly quiz every Wednesday which will cover material from the previous week's lectures. Quizzes will test basic understanding of the material and problems will often be very similar to questions from the homework.

The best way to do well on the quizzes, and in this class in general is to keep up with the homework and the readings in the book. We will spend a lot of time in section solving problems, but as someone once said, mathematics is not a spectator sport. The best way to learn is by trying it yourself. Don't get discouraged if you get stuck. This is part of the process, and is something all mathematicians go through every day. (Even your professors!) If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask in section, come to office hours, or email me.

Class Participation: Participation is important in this course and it is expected that everyone participate. There are lots of ways you can participate, whether through group work, coming to office hours, or asking questions in class. In fact by far one of the most effective strategies for success in this course is **to ask questions in section**. Remember that all questions are helpful, and if you are confused by something, it's almost certain that the people sitting next to you are as well.