

## Math 53, Fall 2014: Discussion Section Syllabus

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- **Text:** *Multivariable Calculus: Early Transcendentals for UC Berkeley*, 7th ed, by Stewart
- **Course information:** The instructor is Professor Agol. The bCourse webpage is: <https://bcourses.berkeley.edu/courses/1247156>
- **HW:** There will be weekly homework, which should be completed by each Monday, with the exception of Labor Day on Sept 1. The homework will not be collected as it does not count toward your grade. However, it is important to complete the homework so we can discuss any questions you may have during discussion section. Further, quiz questions will be taken directly from the homework problems.
- **Quizzes:** Quizzes are given weekly in Wednesday section, starting September 10. There won't be a quiz on the weeks you have midterms. There are no make-up quizzes. The two lowest scores are dropped, except for those due to unexcused absences. The course policy states "If you need to miss a quiz for a valid reason (letter from sports coach for student athletes, note from doctor for illness, or family emergency), then notify the GSI ahead of time (if possible, or after in the case of an emergency)." The goal of the quizzes is to help you review material from the homework and lectures.
- **Exams:** There are two midterms, which will be held on October 7 and November 18. The final exam will be on December 18 from 11:30 am–2:30 pm.
- **Grading:** Discussion section, i.e. the quizzes, will be worth 20% of your grade. Each midterm is worth 20% and the final exam is worth 40%.
- **Contacting me:** I encourage everyone to ask questions in section. You're also welcome to come to office hours, either mine or another GSI's if that is easier. I will use email as the primary form of communication, so it is important that you check your email regularly.
- **Students with disabilities:** Students requiring accommodations for exams must submit a "letter of accommodation" from the Disabled Students Program (DSP). This should be submitted to the professor at least two weeks in advance of the exam. If you have been issued a letter of accommodation from the DSP, please see me as soon as possible to work out the necessary arrangements. If you need an accommodation and have not yet seen a Disability Specialist at the DSP, please do so as soon as possible.

If you would need any assistance in the event of an emergency evacuation of the building, the DSP recommends that you make a plan for this in advance. (Contact the DSP access specialist at 643-6456.)

- **Scheduling Conflicts:** Please notify me by the second week of the term about any known or potential extracurricular conflicts (such as religious observances, graduate or medical school interviews, or team activities). I will try my best to help you with making accommodations, but I cannot promise them in all cases.
- **Goals of discussion section:** The main goals will be to answer any questions about the homework and do practice problems.
- **Resources:**
  - Student Learning Center: <http://slc.berkeley.edu/welcome-slc>
  - Studying strategies: <http://slc.berkeley.edu/study-and-success-strategies>
  - Disabled Students Program: <http://dsp.berkeley.edu>
  - University Health Services: <http://uhs.berkeley.edu>
  - Berkeley International Office: <http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu>