

## Math 53, Spring 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 Hutchings. Make sure to read the course policies listed at <http://math.berkeley.edu/~hutching/teach/53/index.html>
- **HW:** Homework assigned on Tuesday is due at the beginning of Friday section, three days later. Homework assigned on Thursday is due at the beginning of Monday section. Late HW cannot be accepted. Homework will be graded pass-fail, on a scale of 0 to 1. I will not write detailed comments on the homework, but will check for completeness. You are allowed to discuss the HW in groups, but the work you hand in should be your own. You can check your answers with those in the back of the book, but answers without solutions will not receive credit. Also copying solutions from a manual will not receive credit. The lowest 4 HWs may be dropped.
- **Quizzes:** Quizzes are given weekly in Wednesday sections, starting January 29. There won't be a quiz on the weeks you have midterms. The two lowest scores are dropped. There are no make-up quizzes, per the course policy. 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 March 4 and April 3. The final exam will be on May 15 from 7pm-10pm.
- **Grading:** Discussion section will be worth 25% of your grade. This includes quizzes, homework, and participation. See the course webpage for the course grading scheme.
- **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 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 do lots of practice problems in groups, and discuss any questions you may have about the material.
- **Resources:**
  - Student Learning Center: <http://slc.berkeley.edu/general/index.htm>
  - Studying strategies: [http://slc.berkeley.edu/studystrategies/acadsuccess\\_resources.htm](http://slc.berkeley.edu/studystrategies/acadsuccess_resources.htm)
  - Disabled Students Program: <http://dsp.berkeley.edu>
  - University Health Services: <http://uhs.berkeley.edu>
  - Berkeley International Office: <http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu>