

Syllabus for MTH 164/11-12 College Mathematics

Fall 2007

4638-Section 11: 12:30 - 1:50 Tuesday, Thursday. LDB 212

4639-Section 12: 2:00 - 3:20 Tuesday, Thursday. LDB 212

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Text: *Mathematical Ideas, 11th Edition*, by Miller, Heeren and Hornsby, Addison-Wesley

Course Description: This course is designed to meet the objectives of Component Area 2 of the core curriculum for non-business and non-science related majors. This course will be primarily lecture-oriented, daily homework will be assigned, quizzes and four exams will be administered throughout the semester.

Prerequisites: Students taking this course should have completed two years of high school algebra and one year of high school geometry.

Course Objectives: The purpose of Math 164 is to expose students to topics in mathematics that emphasize the beauty and elegance of the subject. Topics will be selected from those never before seen by most students, but will be

accessible to all enrolled in the course.

Topics may include counting methods, graph theory, number theory, probability, and sequences (with an emphasis on the Fibonacci sequence), or any topic that the class as a whole would like to explore.

Grading Policy:

	Grade Percentage
Homework Assignments	10%
Quizzes	10%
Exam I (September 20)	20%
Exam II (October 18)	20%
Exam III (November 15)	20%
Final exam	20%

Final Exam Schedule:

Section 11, Tuesday December 11, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Section 12, Thursday December 13, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Grade Distribution:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
< 60%	F

Note: Q-drop deadline is October 10

Attendance policy: Regular and punctual attendance for this course is mandatory and will be recorded throughout the semester. If class must be missed, the student is expected to get the notes from a classmate, and to check the web-page for announcements and updated assignments. For all

documented and university-approved absences (e.g. hospitalization, court appearances, university athletic conferences, etc...) students must immediately contact and inform the instructor of the situation and present proper documentation before re-entering the classroom.

Assignments: Homework will be periodically assigned during class. Each assignment will be collected at the beginning of the next class day, and no late assignments will be accepted.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given at the beginning of most class days. The material on each quiz will vary, but most will cover material presented during the previous class day. Each quiz will be given during the first 10-15 minutes of class, and extra time will not be allowed if you are late to class, so be sure to be on time. No make-ups are allowed under any circumstances. No partial-credit will be given on any problem. To compensate for this, the lowest four quiz scores for the semester will be dropped.

Make-up policy: Students are expected to show appropriate cause for missing or delaying major assignments or examinations. Excuses must be presented in writing.

Wherever possible, students should inform the instructor before an exam is missed. Students are required to notify the instructor by the end of the next working day after missing an exam. Otherwise, they forfeit their rights to a make-up.

Scholastic dishonesty: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and

integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the instructor. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Copyright policy: All printed materials disseminated in class or on the web are protected by Copyright laws. One xerox copy (or download from the web) is allowed for personal use. Multiple copies or sale of any of these materials is strictly prohibited.

Disabled Student Policy: It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic or Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request assistance with academically related problems stemming from individual disabilities by contacting the Director of the Counseling Center in the Lee Drain Annex or by calling (936) 294-1720. Please bring all the necessary paperwork to the instructor before the end of the first week of classes in order to proceed with the requested accommodations. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept

strictly confidential. NOTE: no accommodation can be made until the student registers with the Counseling Center.

Classroom Rules of Conduct: Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

Visitors in the Classroom: Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days Policy: Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that

absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). This request must be made in the first fifteen days of the semester or the first seven days of a summer session in which the absence(s) will occur. The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed.

Additional Information: All information on this syllabus is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class.