Professor: Chuck Collins

To contact me:

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Resources:

Calculator: Recommend a graphing calculator (TI-83+ or TI-86 or equivalent)
Webpage: http://www.math.utk.edu/~ccollins/M142 Contains class schedule, handouts and assignments.

Grades: Course grades will be determined by the percentage of the total available points you accumulate in the areas listed below during the semester. The grading scale I use is 90% for an A, 85% for a B+, 80% for a B, 75% for a C+, 70% for a C, and 60% for a D. I may lower these percentages, but don’t depend on it.

Homework. (7-9 projects at 10 points each and various online assignments at 1-5 points each) There will be 3 types of homework assignments: projects, online assignments and daily assignments. There will be 7-9 projects, about one every other week and you’ll have 1 week or so to complete each. There will be various online assignments (either using Online@UT or BCA/iLrn); point values and due dates for each will be specified when they are assigned. Daily homework assignments from the text will be given for each section we cover as a set of practice problems in preparation for the quizzes.

Notebook. (20 points) You are to keep a notebook (100 sheet, spiral bound, writing on only one side of the page) of your class notes, handouts, homework and quizzes. These will be checked 2-3 times during the semester.

Quizzes. (7-8 quizzes at 30 points each) We will have a quiz about every 2 weeks. They will be based on the related class work and homework.

Final. (100 points) The final is on Monday, May 3, from 12:30-2:30. It will be comprehensive.

Important Policies:

Open Door Policy: Besides my official office hours I am available in my office most of the time during regular hours (8:00-4:30) on most days. My policy is that if my door is open, I’ll answer your questions. If you think your visit will take more that 20 minutes, I prefer that you come during office hours or make an appointment.
**Group Work Policy:** I expect the final version of the work done outside of the classroom to be your own. You may ask other students questions about topics from class, and you can discuss the problems in general, but once you start writing up your solution, you should not be discussing it with other students. The first suspected offense will get a warning, after that the work of both parties will get a 0. Persistent copying will be dealt with more severely.

**Homework Policy:** Your work must be presented in the required format and in a clear and readable manner. If it can’t be read, it won’t be graded.

**Late-Work Policy:** Late work is not accepted without prior arrangement or proof of emergency. If you are going to be late with some work, let me know as soon as you can.

**Make-Up Policy:** Make-ups are not given without prior arrangement with me or proof of emergency.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance will be taken each class period. Decisions about borderline grades and consequences of missed assignment will be based on attendance patterns. Absences will be excused with either prior contact or appropriate documentation. Handouts and announcements will be posted on the class website if possible.

**Extra-Work Policy:** No extra work will be given for you to improve your grade. If you need a certain grade, start working toward it with the first assignment.

**Withdrawal Policy:** You can drop this class with no mark by Jan. 22, with a W by Feb. 23 and with a WP/WF by Apr. 5. Consult the timetable or catalog or see me if you have any questions.

**Disability Statement:** If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability or if you have emergency information to share, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 191 Hoskins Library at 974-6087. This will ensure that you are properly registered for services.

**Inclement Weather Policy:** (Official UT Policy) If the University is not closed, classes will go on and you are responsible for making up any work that you miss.