MATH M118  Finite Mathematics:  General Course Policies

Course materials on the web: Go to http://math.iupui.edu/courses/math-m-118 for practice tests, info about computer testing, online homework, course objectives, and answers to selected textbook problems.

Canvas: Your instructor has selected Canvas as the site to host your section’s class resources. Check this site regularly (several times per week) during the semester for important course documents, announcements, and to view your grades.


Prerequisite: By placement test or two years of high school algebra as evidenced by Math 11000 or 11100, with minimum grade of C–.

Course Description and Objectives: 3 credits. Topics include set theory, permutations, combinations, simple probability, conditional probability and independence, Bayes’ theorem, Bernoulli trials, expected value and standard deviation, normal distributions, matrix algebra, linear programming, and Markov chains.

Calculators: There is a required calculator for this course: TI-30Xa. No other calculators are permitted on tests. This will be enforced on all tests including the common final exam.

Attendance: Attendance is crucial for success in this course and is required of all students without exception. A student absent from class bears full responsibility for all material covered in class. Students who miss more than 50% of the class meetings and activities during the first quarter of the Fall or Spring semesters without contacting their instructor or department may be Administratively Withdrawn from the course.

Religious Holidays: IUPUI respects the right of all students to observe their religious holidays and will make reasonable accommodation, upon request, for such observances. Students seeking accommodation for religious observances must make a request in writing by the end of the 2nd week of the semester to the course instructor and should use the Request for Course Accommodation Due to Religious Observance Form. Detailed information may be found at http://registrar.iupui.edu/religious.html

Practice Homework / Studying: A suggested list of textbook study problems is posted on the MATH M118 website. It is important that you attempt these problems as the material is covered. Some exam questions will be based on problems from this list. While we will only have time to go over a few problems from each section in class, answers to the odd-numbered problems can be found on the MATH M118 website. You should expect to spend several hours each day working problems and reading the sections as they are lectured in class.

Student Services: There will not be enough time in class to answer all questions from the homework, tests, etc. If you need more time to ask questions, you can see me during office hours, or visit the MAC (Math Assistance Center). The MAC is in the basement of Taylor Hall and is open 7 days a week. Go to http://mac.iupui.edu/ to find their available hours and services. You are strongly encouraged to work together and utilize the MAC.

Special Services: Students who need accommodations because of a disability should register with Adaptive Educational Services and complete the appropriate forms issued by AES before accommodations will be given. The AES office is located in Taylor Hall (UC) room 100, or call 274-3241.
Withdrawal: Be sure to check the current semester calendar to find the withdrawal deadlines for this semester. Do not depend on the Administrative Withdrawal: if you stop attending class without withdrawing, you will fail the class.

Computer Testing (Fall and Spring Semesters only)

During the fall and spring semesters (not during summer sessions), tests for MATH M118 will be administered on desktop computers in the Testing Center (SL 070) during a scheduled 5-6 day period of time. A test reservation is required for each test (instructions for making test reservations will be provided to you). Three computer tests will be given during the semester. You must take each computer test within the given testing period – no make-ups will be given after the testing period ends. NOTE: Test 4 is NOT computerized. It is paper/pencil test taken in your CLASSROOM, during regular class time – see your instructor Syllabus for test date.

A missed test will be recorded as zero. The lowest of your four test scores will be replaced by your final exam percentage.

Testing Center Hours: Mon-Thur 9 – 8, Friday and Saturday 9 – 6. Please note that the testing lab is NOT open for Math M118 testing on Sunday. Also note that testing ends at 8 pm Mon-Thur and at 6 pm Friday and Saturday, regardless of what time you begin your test. Computer tests are designed to take about 1 hour, but the time limit is set at 1.5 hours in case technology issues occur and students experience some downtime during testing.

Final Exam: The final exam is a mandatory, comprehensive, departmental, paper/pencil exam. Check the current semester calendar to find the date and time for the final exam (it is always the weekend BEFORE regular final exams week). Be sure that you do not have any conflicts with the date and time of the final exam. Room assignments for the final exam are announced in class late in the semester. It is mandatory to take the final exam. You cannot drop or replace your final exam score.

Grading: Refer to the class policies/syllabus for your specific class and instructor. Your course grade is determined by the total of your points from computer homework, instructor-specific assignments (usually quizzes and/or graded homework sets), tests, and the final exam.

Incompletes: Grades of Incomplete will only be given in accordance with the university policy available at [http://www.registrar.iupui.edu/incomp.html](http://www.registrar.iupui.edu/incomp.html). Specifically, students must be passing at the 3/4 mark of the semester to qualify for assigning an incomplete. The instructor must agree that an incomplete is appropriate and it must be approved by the Associate Chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences.

Dishonesty and Student Misconduct: Cheating will result in a minimum penalty of receiving a grade of F in the course. The IUPUI Department of Mathematical Sciences expects all students to adhere to the regulations put forth in the “IUPUI Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct” concerning academic misconduct or personal misconduct. Procedures for imposing academic and disciplinary sanctions are outlined in the Code. The Code can be found at: [http://www.iupui.edu/code/](http://www.iupui.edu/code/)

Campus-Wide Policies Governing the Conduct of Courses at IUPUI: These can be found at [http://registrar.iupui.edu/course_policies.html](http://registrar.iupui.edu/course_policies.html), with links to specific policies in the general areas of attendance, academic policy, conduct and related policies.

Course Coordinator: Should you have questions regarding the content of this course, course requirements, or student/instructor rapport problems, contact the course coordinator, Christopher Dona, at cdon@math.iupui.edu.