Basic Information

**Instructor**: Roberto Munoz-Alicea (munoz@math.colostate.edu).

**Course Coordinator**: Prof. Dan Bates (bates@math.colostate.edu).

**Course website**: http://www.math.colostate.edu/~bates/M261/S17/index.html.

**Daily schedule**: See the course website.

**Office hours**: See course website for times and locations. You may attend the office hours of any instructor. Office hours begin in Week 2. Also see the section on Additional Help at the end of this syllabus.

**Textbook**: *Thomas' Calculus*, Second Custom Edition for Colorado State University (identical to the 13th edition), by Thomas, Weir, and Hass. MyMathLab is not required, but you are welcome to use it however you see fit. Earlier editions of the book have similar content, but some of the problem numbers might be different.

**Calculator**: No calculators allowed (or needed).

**Prerequisites**: Calculus II (Math 161).

Essential Dates

It is your responsibility to keep track of the following dates and take any action necessary (e.g., adding, withdrawing, etc.). Please note that there will be a quiz each Wednesday except during exam weeks and during the first week of class.

- **Tuesday, January 17**: Classes begin.
- **Friday, January 20**: Restricted drop deadline.
- **Sunday, January 22**: Last day to add without override.
- **Wednesday, February 1**: Registration closes.
- **Thursday, February 9 (5:05 – 6:20 p.m.)**: EXAM 1.
- **Thursday, March 9 (5:05 – 6:20 p.m.)**: EXAM 2.
- **Saturday, March 11 – Sunday, March 19**: Spring break!
- **Monday, March 20**: Last day to withdraw, repeat/delete deadline.
- **Thursday, April 13 (5:05 – 6:20 p.m.)**: EXAM 3.
- **Friday, May 5**: Classes end.
- **Wednesday, May 10 (7:30 – 9:30 a.m.)**: FINAL EXAM.
- **Tuesday, May 16**: Grades due.
- **Wednesday, May 17**: Grades available on RAMweb.

Grades

You can earn up to 600 points in this course, broken down into quiz and exam grades as described below. Curves on exams are uncommon but will be used as dictated by course-wide performance on each exam. Letter grades for the course will be assigned according to the typical blocks (90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D, less than 60% F) unless they need to be adjusted due to curves. Letter grade breakdowns for each exam and for the course will be posted soon after each exam and at the end of the semester on the course website. Be sure to check Canvas from time to time to make sure your grades have been recorded accurately. There are no opportunities for bonus points in this course: you are assigned the grade you earn.
Homework: 0 points

There is no assigned homework for this course, but suggested practice problems from the book are posted on the course website. Many of the quiz and exam problems will be similar to those in the suggested homework, so it is well worth your time to try the practice problems. If you have trouble, come to the office hours for help.

Quizzes: 100 points

There are 11 quizzes given in class (down from 12 in previous semesters). These happen every Wednesday except the first week and exam weeks. Each quiz is worth 10 points, for a total of 110 possible points. However, the maximum possible quiz total is 100 points, meaning you can miss up to 10 points on quizzes and still end up with a perfect quiz score. Please see the make-up policy below. Books, notes, and calculators are not allowed for quizzes unless otherwise stated. Quizzes will typically take no more than half of the class on Wednesday, and you must take the quiz in your own section.

Exams: 500 points

There are three midterm exams (on Thursday evenings, 5:05-6:20 pm) and a cumulative final exam in Math 261 – dates are listed above. Each midterm is worth 100 points. The final is worth 200. There will be review sessions (places and times TBD – check the website) the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings before each midterm and sometime before the final exam. The locations of the midterms and final exams will be posted on the math department website (http://www.math.colostate.edu) well in advance of each exam. Be sure to go to the correct room (according to the section you are in). Books, notes, and calculators are not allowed for exams. Also, please be sure to remove earbuds, turn off phones, remove watches capable of computation, and generally put away any other devices or other belongings that might distract you or carry the potential for cheating.

Policies

Academic integrity

The University has an Academic Integrity Policy and Student Conduct Code (see the CSU General Catalog) which is enforced in Math261. With respect to Math261, joint effort on homework is encouraged. However, with respect to any quiz or exam, the Honor’s Pledge is specifically: “I will not give, receive, or use any unauthorized assistance.” Students judged to have engaged in cheating on a particular quiz or exam will receive a score of 0 for that particular quiz or exam. Also, for the student who received a 0 on a quiz or exam due to cheating, Repeat/Delete will not be an option for the grade earned the semester cheating occurred. A second offense will result in an F for the course. Cases of flagrant academic dishonesty will be brought to the attention of the TILT Academic Integrity Program. Put simply: Don’t cheat. I have no patience for academic dishonesty.

RDS

Everything is now handled electronically. Please visit RDS with any questions and be sure to set up your exam times online well in advance (at least a week before the exam).

Make-up quizzes and exams

Make-ups for quizzes and exams will be given ONLY in the cases of university-approved absence and documentable emergencies. All excuses must include adequate documentation. Inform your instructor about any such absences as soon as possible. Instructors will handle the rescheduling of make-up quizzes;
the coordinator will handle the scheduling of make-up exams. Please fill out the “Alternate Exam Time Request Form” on the course website ASAP and turn it in to your instructor no later than 10 days before the quiz or exam you will miss. Of course, for illnesses or other emergencies, this form will need to be turned in later.

Exam conflicts with other courses

Starting with Spring 2017, students will not be given overrides by the Math Department to register for Math 261 if they have a conflict with another course at the times of the Thursday evening exams. If the department of the course having such a conflict gives an override for this conflict, it is up to that department to resolve this conflict. In the past, there were alternate exam times available just before and just after the usual midterm exam times; these are being discontinued in Spring 2017.

There should also not be a direct conflict for the final exam. In the case that a student has three or more final exams in one day, the Registrar indicates that the student may negotiate with his or her instructors for an alternate exam time for one or more courses. In this situation, the general policy is that final exams for uncoordinated courses should be moved instead of those for coordinated courses. In other words, if you are in this situation, please try to move your other final exams since Math 261 is a coordinated course.

Grade assignments

You receive the grade you earn, and the grade distribution stands. For example, if you have earned an 88% in the course, you can expect to receive a B and should not waste your time or mine by asking for the next higher grade.

Regrades

If you spot a grading error on a quiz or an exam (e.g., you believe you lost points without reason or there was some arithmetic error with calculating the total grade), you have one week to bring this potential error to the attention of your instructor. Please check your grades on Canvas (especially after regrades) to make sure they were recorded accurately. The decision of the instructor stands. Changing your answers prior to a regrade is a form of cheating and will result in a 0 on the quiz or exam being regraded.

Additional Help

There are several resources available to you in addition to those offered by the instructors of the course. The new Calculus Center (www.math.colostate.edu/calculus-center/index.shtml) offers help with any remedial (Trig, Calc 1, Calc 2) difficulties you are having. They will also sometimes have tutors comfortable with Math 261 – see their website for details. Next, TILT has free tutors available Sunday – Thursday, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Finally, see the Math Department website for a list of personal tutors.

GOOD LUCK THIS SEMESTER!