

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN MATH 1110 SECTION 001

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Almost all relevant information and administration for this course will be posted on the math department moodle page at <http://moodle.math.cornell.edu>. The general course-wide policies are posted there. These are the policies that pertain to section 001.

CONTACTING ME

If you want to talk to me about math, or how this class is going, your best bet is to come to my office hours (time and day TBD) in 218 Malott Hall. If you need to ask me a quick question or warn me of your impending serious illness you can email me at annab@math.cornell.edu. I usually read and respond to emails about once a day.

GRADING

Your grade in the course will be determined by your performance on the three preliminary exams, the final exam, and your section grade. Each Prelim has 100 possible points, and the final has 200 possible points. The section grade also has 200 possible points. The section grade will be made up of 50 points each for homework and quizzes and 100 points for class participation. The participation grade will be based on a combination of factors including your reading assignments on moodle (these are not worth stressing over, doing them is worth approximately as many points as doing them correctly) but most importantly, *this grade is determined by whether you show up to class having done the reading and then proceed to participate in a discussion about the material.*

PARTICIPATING

In order to get a good participation grade you should show up to class ready to participate in a discussion about the material assigned for the day and then actually participate in a discussion about the material. This means that you should have done the pre-class quiz (on moodle) and read the section carefully. Reading for math is much harder than reading a novel. It may mean that you need to read some sections more than once or take notes on them in order to understand them. Then, come to class and we will clear up misunderstandings, work examples together and make sure that the important concepts are clear.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be posted on moodle and is due every Friday. It will be graded for both correctness and completeness. It is up to you to turn in homework that is legible to the

grader and in which the grader can easily find the problems to grade. Homework that is not legible will not receive credit for completeness or correctness. In addition, the grader will only count for your grade pages stapled to the first page of the assignment, so you should take care to staple your assignment. I will not accept late homework for any reason, including short term illness, however, I will drop your two lowest homework scores, so a 0 will not hurt your grade. If you have a serious, long term illness that causes you to need to miss more than two assignments you need to speak with me privately and let me know that this problem will exist *before* the third missed homework is due.

WORKLOAD

You should expect to spend 16 hours a week on this class, as it is a four credit class. That means that we expect the work that we assign to take that long. In particular your homework will require thought (and maybe even second drafts) and doing your reading will require a couple of hours per section, even though each section is only a few pages.