

Math 1010 Calculus 1 Sections 5-8,17-20: Grading and Course Policies

The **advance grade** for the course is a grade computed prior to the final exam. The **course grade** is your final grade for the course.

The advance grade will be computed as follows:

80 % exams (20 % each)

20 % skills quizzes (given during Quiz Block)

Also contributing to the advance grade will be extra credit points derived from the Pre-Calculus Quiz as well as mentoring and recitation activities to be described during the semester.

The final exam will be required for everyone, and must be taken **AT THE TIME AND LOCATION ASSIGNED** unless an excuse is approved and verified by the Dean of Students Office.

The course grade will be determined in whichever of the following two ways produces the highest grade:

(A) course grade = 80 % advance grade and 20 % Final Exam

(B) course grade = 60 % advance grade and 40 % Final Exam

The idea is that a good performance on the final exam can help you substantially whereas a single bad day on the final won't destroy your course grade utterly.

Calculators are not permitted for in-class exams or quizzes. There will be no curve on the exams and or quizzes. Thus, the course grade will be obtained numerically based on the scheme described above, and letter grades will be computed as follows:

$\geq 93 = A$

$90 - 92 = A -$

$87 - 89 = B +$

$83 - 86 = B$

$80 - 82 = B -$

$76 - 79 = C +$

$70 - 75 = C$

$65 - 69 = C -$

$60 - 64 = D +$

$55 - 59 = D$

$< 55 = F$

Additional Course Policies:

1. **Summary of Expectations of Students:** Students are expected to attend lectures, recitation classes and skills/mentoring classes, and to participate in these classes without distractions.

Students are expected to work on all current homework problems, and to compile homework solutions in a notebook, which will be refined and perfected through recitation attendance and possibly through outside help. This homework notebook may be checked periodically to monitor your progress, and will be useful in preparing for exams.

2. **Academic Integrity on Exams and Quizzes:** All work submitted in a quiz or exam must be your own. Collaborating on a quiz or examination is not permitted. Academic dishonesty may result in an exam or quiz grade of zero and a report to the Dean of Students. Additional penalties may be imposed and can be harsh; check the section on Academic Integrity in the Rensselaer Student Handbook.

Any student that submits a changed answer of a Calculus Skills Problem for re-grading will have violated an academic integrity standard. The uniform penalty will be failure in the course. If a student submits an appeal, he or she is responsible, regardless of whether he or she “knew” the answer had been changed.

3. **Contesting Grades and Retrieving Graded Work:** If you wish to contest a graded exam or quiz, you must speak to your recitation instructor within **one week** of the date the assignment is first returned in class. After this deadline, the grade will be final. Also, if your work is not picked up within one week of the date the assignment is returned in class, you forfeit all rights to contest the grade.

4. **Make-Up Exams:** If you must miss an exam because of a prior obligation, you must speak to me about it **IN ADVANCE** of the exam. If you miss an exam for an unforeseen but valid reason (e.g., illness) you must obtain a **WRITTEN EXCUSE** (from medical professional or Dean of Students) or the infirmary must confirm your illness. If you miss an exam **WITHOUT** a written excuse (e.g., your alarm didn't go off, etc.) you **MUST** contact me within 24 hours of the exam time. If you do so, you will be given a make-up, but will automatically lose 15 points off the top.