

Week 1 Class Information Sheet

Hello MATH150-01 Students –

Welcome Back to Pratt for our Fall Semester and our new normal - classes via remote learning!

Next Monday we will begin this semester. Please read this entire document. To maximize the time we will be spending together in our Zoom Meetings most efficiently, I will **normally** be posting the Class PowerPoints by 12:00pm Noon ET on the Friday one week prior to each of our classes on our class website at:

<http://www.charlesrubenstein.com/150>

As our first Zoom class meeting is on Monday 30 August 2021, this message and next week's materials, are already posted there. You are expected to review the class materials – the syllabus and preliminary class schedule **syllabus.pdf**, and especially the full-page slide version of the class session **21fa01.pdf**, (**21fa01_h.pdf** is the 6-up handouts version) and the Zoom meeting information **150_Zoom_info.pdf**, **BEFORE CLASS!**

I. Please email me (crubenst@pratt.edu), by 12:00Noon on the first day of classes, the answers to these questions and be prepared to discuss this during our first class...

- 1. Your name? What name do you like to be called?*
- 2. I will presume that you are in the greater New York area (or at least on the East Coast and observe Eastern Time) during the semester. If that is not the case, please let me know what time zone you are in. You can also provide your location, but that information is optional.*
- 3. Your major at Pratt?*
- 4. What is your favorite Extra-curricular activity (not your major activities)?*
- 5. Why did you take this class?*
- 6. What would you like learn about Physics?*
- 7. How do you learn best?*
A: Visually; B: Auditory; C: Kinesthetically (doing); D: Reading/writing; E: A mixture.
- 8. How much science have you already had?*
A: High School science; B: AP physics/math/bio; C: Some college-level science; D: Science is my nightmare.

II. Please download the Zoom app for your PC from <https://zoom.us> or for your smart phone from the App Store. Per Session 1, slide 31, in addition to this file, there are several other files already posted online. Please review **150_Zoom_Info.pdf** which has the specifics for our Zoom Meetings:

Section 01: MONDAY (Zoom Class opens at 6:25pm ET; Starts at 6:30pm)

Meeting ID: **955 2086 3714** Passcode: **Math150**

and my Office Hours:

(by appointment only, on Thursdays between 10:00am and 1:00pm).

Meeting ID: **569 176 2059** Passcode: **Office**

These Zoom Meeting IDs and Passcodes will not change during the semester.

ABOUT YOUR PRATT EMAIL

DON'T FORGET you are REQUIRED to review your Pratt email regularly in case there are messages from me (*or your other instructors*) that you need to read.

Email me immediately (crubenst@pratt.edu) if you have any questions and/or challenges. *If a question is relative to a particular session, include Session and Slide numbers.*

The textbook for the course and info on the calculator you will need are contained in the syllabus. There will be take-home exams.

CAUTION – ABOUT TAKE-HOME EXAM SUBMISSIONS

**EXAMS WILL BE EMAILED TO ALL STUDENTS ON THE SAME DAY
THEY WILL HAVE THE SAME DUE DATE AND TIME.**

*Exams must be emailed to me as a pdf file not later than 12:00Noon the day they are due. Your work MUST be readable and legible. If you are NOT using word-processing, your written work must be dark enough so it can be easily read and scanned into a pdf. If I cannot read or understand your work, I cannot grade your work. No grade = ZERO for the Exam! I will review your materials around 12:30pm and immediately let you know if you must redo/resend. Exams will be reviewed in class the week after they were due. **Make-up exams are not permitted.***

ABOUT MY OFFICE HOURS

As most discussions are likely to be private... ***you must email me at least by Noon on Wednesday if you want to schedule an Office Hour chat via Zoom on Thursday.*** Of course, in any emergency, email me and we will try to find an appropriate time for a one-on-one Zoom meeting.

Please review the syllabus and other materials on the class website for additional information. This will certainly be an interesting semester. Please be sure to keep me, and your other professors, aware of anything that might reduce your ability to succeed in your classes.

Be safe, and keep healthy!

- Dr. Rubenstein
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