

Week 1 Class Information Sheet (8/19/2020)

Hello MATH150-01 Students –

Welcome Back to our new normal: on Monday we will begin this semester's class via remote learning. Please read this entire document. To maximize the time we will spend together in our Zoom Meetings most efficiently, I will be posting the Class PowerPoints on our class website at:

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

by the end of the day on the Wednesday one week prior to each of our classes. Thus, as our first Zoom class meeting is on Monday 24 August 2020, this message and next week's materials, are being posted today, 19 August 2020. You are expected to review the class materials including information on the Zoom meeting, the syllabus and preliminary class schedule, download the first chapter of the text so you can begin without having to rush out to get the textbook, and note the need for a calculator for this and your future courses at Pratt.

Per Session 1, slide 16, in addition to this file, there are eight other files online. Please review **150_Zoom_Info.pdf** which has the specifics for our Zoom Meetings (ID **940-3145-6071**, Passcode: **Math150**) and my Office Hours (by appointment only, on Wednesdays 10:00am – 2:00pm). Please download the Zoom app for your PC from <https://zoom.us> or for your smart phone from the App Store.

Review your Pratt email regularly in case there are messages you need to read from me (or your other instructors). Email me immediately if you have any questions and/or challenges. If relative to a particular session, include the Session and Slide numbers.

I will presume that you are in the greater New York area (or at least on the East Coast and observe Eastern Time). *If that is not the case, please email me and let me know where you will be this semester and what time zone you are in.*

Please note that we will NOT have Zoom classes on Monday 7 September (Labor Day) nor on Monday 28 September (Instructor's Religious Holiday).

We will make up the missed 28 September class by having exams given via email.

There will be ten homework 'quizzes.' The way this will work is that I will select three (3) problems from the homework for grading as a quiz. You will receive 1% per correct response, or up to 3% towards your final grade for completing the homework and correctly answering the three selected problems.

The first six (6) homework assignments are already online (**Hwk1to6.pdf**).

CAUTION – ABOUT HOMEWORK AND EXAM SUBMISSIONS

Exams and all homework assignments must be emailed to me as a pdf file not later than 12:00Noon the day of the class 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 homework or Exam!

I will review your materials around 12:30pm and immediately let you know if you must redo/resend – not later than 2:00pm! Make-ups are not permitted as we will review the homework assignments in class that day. Exams will be reviewed the following week.

ABOUT MY OFFICE HOURS

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

ABOUT CALCULATORS

As mentioned earlier, you will need a calculator to perform the various mathematical exercises later in the course. If you do not have one, and plan on taking Calculus or classes in your major that will require one, you should consider purchasing a TI-83 or better programmable calculator.

NOTE: It is possible that you will be able to use your smart phone/computer in lieu of a stand-alone calculator. *If you are in the CM/FM program, and do not wish to purchase a calculator, please contact Phil Ramus (pramus@pratt.edu) at Pratt Manhattan Center who may be able to arrange to provide you with a loaner unit for the semester.*

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!

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