

## FIRST DAY OF CLASS

1. My teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

office: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

My teacher's name: Leah Berman or Jill Faudree or James Gossell

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2. Where can I get information about this class?

- by attending class
- from the course webpage: <https://uaf-math251.github.io/>  
(or just google: Calculus I at UAF)
- from Canvas

3. Where is my textbook?

- Our text – OpenStax Calculus Volume 1, authors Herman & Strang – is available free online.  
(google *openstax calculus I*)
- general info can be found here: <https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-1>
- Note that it is possible to buy a hard copy.
- There are student resources online including a free student solutions manual.

4. How will I know what will be happening each day in class?

On the webpage is a day by day schedule. It tells you what is happening in class every day. It gives the dates of all assessments including homework due dates, midterm dates, etc.

5. How will I my grade be determined in this course?

Based on class participation, homework completion, quizzes and their corrections, and some tests. Quizzes and tests are given in class.

6. Is there any extra credit in this class or any free points?

Yes.

- Free points for attending and participating in class. (All students should get 100%!)
- Free point for turning in your homework. (All students should get 100%!)
- Get 50% of points back (aka extra credit) for correcting your quiz.
- Typically, midterms have extra credit problems that are designed to be just regular problems not extra hard problems.

Start earning those free points today!

7. What do I need to do **this week** for this class?

- Attend class every day.

- Work all the problems from Chapter 1 Review. Ask questions! Turn them in by Thursday August 29.
- Sign up for a 2 hour time-slot to take your proctored ALEKS PPL no later than Friday August 30.

8. What should I do if I miss class?

Contact your instructor and let them know if the absence is excused.

Make time to learn the material of the day you missed by

- (a) reading the book and/or watching a video
- (b) working the problems on the sheet of the day
- (c) start working the homework problems from the section

9. What should I do if I miss class on a quiz/midterm/final exam day?

Contact your instructor by email immediately. Explain why you missed class. Include the soonest available time you could make up the assessment if that is possible.

10. Is the homework completed in an online system or do I write it down? Where do I find the homework problems? How do I turn in the homework?

- You write your **solutions** (not just answers!!) on your paper or a tablet.
- The problems can be found at the Course Webpage under the Homework tab.
- You turn your work in electronically using Gradescope which you access from Canvas.

11. Will I have answers or solutions to the homework? If so, where do I find them?

Yes. Complete solutions are on Canvas. Look in the *Assessments* tab.

12. Can I just copy the solutions, upload them to Canvas and get full credit?

Yes.

It should be clear that this is a very bad long-term strategy.

13. Can I see my grades?

Grades live in Canvas.

14. What is the best way to get my questions answered?

It depends on the type of question but there several options:

- in class
- depending on your instructor's schedule, just before and/or just after class
- in your teacher's office hour
- by appointment with your teacher
- by emailing your teacher
- in other teachers' and TA's tutoring/office hours
- in the Student Success Center
- using the 1-on-1 tutoring service

15. Where can I get tutoring help?

In addition to getting help from your teacher, DMS has a special Math & Stat help lab in the Student Success Center on the 6th floor of Rasmuson Library. This space is available for drop-in tutoring. We also offer one-on-one and online tutoring. For more information, google **Math Services University of Alaska Fairbanks** or check the link in the course webpage.

16. How will my teacher contact me?

In class, a Canvas announcement, or a Canvas email.

17. List the names of three people sitting next to you and give your name to them.

18. What are the habits *you* would like to adopt this semester in this class?

Some ideas include:

- Make it my default habit to be present in class every day.
- Work at least three homework problems from a section the same day the topic is covered in class.
- Circle homework problems I don't understand and ask about them, to my instructor or in the Math Lab.
- Form a study group to work on the homework by Week 2.
- When I work a homework problem, imagine I am explaining how to do it to someone else.
- Work a practice quiz/proficiency/midterm/final and then check my answers at least 24 hours before the real one.