

## MGF 1106 FINITE MATHEMATICS

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Text: Finite Math. Custom edition for FIU, Pearson Custom Publishing

Prerequisite: None. This course is designed for students who are not majoring in the sciences or business and in many cases will be the only math course they take.

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Office hours: T Th 4-5 by appointment.

Exams: Three plus a comprehensive final. There will be no makeup exams. The final exam will replace a missed exam. OR: If the final exam grade is higher than one of your exams it will replace it, unless it's already doing extra work replacing a missed exam.

I reserve the right to add points to your final average if you take an active role in class activities.

Attendance: If the sum of your unexcused absences and tardies is greater than two, you will fail the class. It's very simple. Those who fail this class over the years have by and large been those who often miss class. I am trying to make it so you attend class, and on time. Bring documentation to get an absence/tardy changed to satisfactory. NB: A note from your boss saying you have to work is NOT satisfactory. Proper reasons include accidents, illness, illness or death in the immediate family, jury duty, etc.

Get a few phone numbers/ email addresses from other students so you can find what you missed in the very unlikely event that you miss a class. Do not contact me.

Shut cell phones OFF during class and keep them hidden.

You will need a scientific calculator for this class; a GRAPHING scientific calculator may NOT be used on exams and the use of one will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

The reason other than attendance that causes students to do poorly in math is not keeping up in your homework. If you put off the work for a week or so and then cram for an exam, I can hear it now: "I studied all weekend for the test and got a 38!" The unspoken remainder of the thought is "and so it's all your fault!" Sorry. If you really do spend a weekend studying ( I generally doubt it when I hear it ) and haven't spent 1-5 hours studying after each class session until you KNOW the material, if you haven't seen me and/or gone to the Resource Center for help as well as having gone online for help, chances are high that your grade will not be a good one.

Grading: 90-100 A  
80-89 B  
70-79 C  
60-69 D  
Below 60 F

“+” and “-“ are used as follows: as an example, take the 70-79 range. 70-72 C-  
73-77 C  
78-79 C+

The same scheme applies for other grade ranges.