

Syllabus for Math Tools for Economists I (Econ 1078)

Instructor:

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Class Meeting Times:

MTWRF 11 – 12:35am @ Econ 119

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Relevant material to the course will be posted here.

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 12:35 am –15:00 pm

By Appointment as Necessary

Office hours are held for your benefit. It is an opportunity to come in and ask questions in a one-on-one or small group setting. Everyone is highly encouraged to attend office hours as often as they feel is necessary to help master the material of the course. It is my experience that those students who come to office hours with prepared questions do better in the course than they otherwise would have. If there is any reason that you cannot make these office hours I am willing to meet by appointment.

Course Description and Objectives:

The goal of this class is to provide students with the mathematical tools needed for future courses in economics. We will cover algebra of polynomials, functions, basic logic, sets, solving systems of equations, probability, and differentiation. For a complete list of topics see the course schedule that follows.

Grading:

Grades will be determined on the basis of your performance on 5 quizzes, 3 midterms, and a non-cumulative final exam.

The 5 quizzes will be scheduled on each Wednesday. The questions will be similar to the recommended homework problems. If you have completed and understand the homework from the previous week the questions should be relatively easy. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped and the other 4 will be averaged together to obtain your quiz grade. The quiz grade is worth 20% of your over all grade.

The midterms will be administered on Fridays, June 16th, June 23rd, and June 30th, in class. Each test is worth 20% of the course grade. The midterms are not cumulative and will cover only the material since the previous test.

The final exam is scheduled for **July 7th** class meeting time. The final exam is mandatory and worth 20% of your grade.

Final grading will be on a strait scale. While these grades are guaranteed I reserve the right to curve the grades upward.

100-93%	A	73-76%	C
90-92%	A-	70-72%	C-
87-89%	B+	67-69%	D+
83-86%	B	63-66%	D
80-82%	B-	60-62%	D-
77-79%	C+	below 60%	F

5 Quizzes (Drop the lowest) – 20% total

3 Midterms – 20% each

Final – 20%

Some Misconceptions about the Exam Period

(Quoted from Brad Zakarin, Website of the Mather House Senior Tutor's Office)

1. You get one "freebie" make-up exam during your undergraduate career; no questions asked.
2. Scribbling illegible nonsense in exam booklets will get you nothing lower than a B- on your final exam.
3. Instructors can make individual arrangements with you regarding the scheduling of final exams or make-up exams.
4. Once you start a final exam, you cannot stop because of illness so you better grind it out even if your fever is causing hallucinations.
5. Instructors can give you extensions on written work beyond the end of the exam period.
6. There is no way to get a make-up final exam if you sleep through it.
7. You cannot go to the bathroom during a final exam.

Tentative Course Schedule:

Date	Course Material	Topics	Wednesday Quiz/Exam
6/5			Pretest
6/6	Intro, A.1	Algebra Basics	
6/7	A.2, A.3	Polynomials	Quiz 1
6/8	A.3, A.4	Rational Expression	
6/9	A.5	Integer Exponents	
6/12	A.6, A.7	Radicals, Equations in One Variable	
6/13	1.1, 1.2	Functions, Graphs, Transformations	
6/14	1.2, 1.3	Lines	Quiz 2
6/15	1.4	Quadratic Functions	
6/16			Midterm 1
6/19	4.1	Systems of Linear Equations	
6/20	5.1	Systems of Linear Inequalities	
6/21	2.2	Exponential	Quiz 3
6/22	2.3	Logarithmic Functions	
6/23			Midterm 2
6/26	6.2, 6.3	Sets, Basic Counting Principles	

Honor Code:

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