As stated in the syllabus, I will hold both traditional office hours and weekly study sessions. Here is some advice for how to get the most out of these sessions.

**Things you can do before coming to office hours/study session**

- Read through your notes from lecture. Mark any definitions or examples that you do not understand.
- Look at the homework problems. Think about what tools from class you might use to solve them.

**You should ask me for help before you do any of the following things:**

- Look up the solution to a homework/textbook problem. Usually, I can give you a hint that will allow you to solve more of the problem yourself.
- Give up on an assignment.
- Decide that you aren’t “good at math”.
- Drop the class.

**Things to bring to office hours/study session**

- Class notes
- Homework

**Questions to ask me**

- I do not understand this example from class, can you explain it?
- I cannot find where I made a mistake in this problem, can you help?
- I do not understand this topic at all, can you explain it a different way?
- I do not know where to start this problem, can you give me a hint?
Questions I might ask you

- What have you tried?
- Can you connect your question to a topic from lecture?
- Have you reread your lecture notes on this topic?
- Can you explain to me how you understand this concept?
- How is the problem you are working on similar to this example? How is it different from the example?

Things you can do in either the study session or office hours

- Work on your homework for Math 181.
- Work through other problems from class, the textbook, or discussion.
- Ask me questions (See list of suggestions).

The study session is the best place to go for the following concerns/activities

- Finding a study group.
- Working on homework that you have not thought about yet.
- Asking a question that other students might be able to help with.

Office hours are the best place to go if you find yourself in the following situations

- You want to do a problem by yourself but need a hint to get started.
- You have a concern about a course policy.
- You have a question that only I can answer.