Math 115 – Preparation for Calculus
Addendum to Course Information for Late Adds

Please read the original Course Information and Policies document that is posted on the Math 115 Illinois Compass website. The information below describes how some of the course policies are different for those who add the course late.

Making up Missed Work We have already collected multiple written homework assignments and multiple electronic homework assignments (Lon-Capa assignments). We have also already given multiple quizzes and held multiple discussion sections (participation in those discussions counts for part of the overall grade). Students who join Math 115 late will be excused from the first written and electronic homework assignments, the first quizzes, and the first discussions sections that they have missed. However, you are responsible for making sure you understand that material! Some of the current material builds on what has already been covered and it will be covered on the Final Exam.

Exam 1 takes place on Thursday, September 21. Those who join the class between Sept 18 and Sept 20 will have the choice to take that exam or not; they must let me know of their choice by 5pm on Sept 20. Students who choose to take that exam will have their grade determined by the grade breakdown listed in the original Course Information document. Students who choose not to take that exam and those who join Math 115 after Sept 20 will not be required to take Exam 1. Instead, Exam 2 and Exam 3 will count for a bigger portion of the overall grade than the other students. Due to this policy with the Exam 1 score, the course grade will be based on the following:

- Participation (i-Clicker and Discussion) 5%
- Homework (Written and Electronic) 15%
- Quizzes 10%
- Exam 1 NA
- Exam 2 20%
- Exam 3 20%
- Final 30%

Grading Since students who add late are already being excused from multiple homework assignments, quizzes, and discussion sections, their lowest grades in those categories will not be dropped. All of the remaining written and electronic homework assignments, quizzes, and discussion sections will be counted. This will result in each individual score weighing slightly more than they do for the students who were in the class from the beginning of the semester.

Lecture Notes All students who add after Exam 1 will be provided with a complete set of lecture notes over that material. It is highly recommended that you take the time to re-write them yourself to make sure you understand them.

Warning In the past, some students who have joined Math 115 late have done very poorly in the course. Most likely this is because they never fully caught up on the material they missed in the early weeks. You will basically be teaching yourself the material you missed - this is not an easy task. Even though you will be excused from the early homework assignments, it is highly recommended that you take the time to attempt those assignments on your own before referring to the solutions that are posted. It is your responsibility to attend office hours and tutoring if you have any questions about that material.

All other course policies are the same for the late add students as the rest of the class. Please read the original Course Information document along with all of the other information that is posted on Illinois Compass.