

Spring 2013: Math 220 Sec. ADE TuTh 12:00 - 12:50 PM, Room: Altgeld 147
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Office Hours:

Monday 5:00–7:00pm in Tutoring Room (TBA)

MWF 1:00–2:00pm in Altgeld 150

Structure:

A typical discussion section will begin with 10-15 minutes of me answering your questions about the material. On days when there is a quiz, I will give the quiz after the opening question/answer time. The remaining time will be spent working in groups on worksheets.

Expectations:

A large part of these discussion classes focus on group work, and the groups will be randomized day-to-day. Each group **must** progress as a team, never leaving a group member behind. I expect group members to be **talking** to one another, not silently working individually. Finally, working in groups does tend to make a mess of the classroom; before leaving, please return the desks to an orderly setup for the next class.

I expect that you've attended the previous lecture and are aware of anything that has been posted on the course webpage. In mathematics there is no substitute for working through problems, and a large part of the discussion section will be doing exactly that. However, it is crucial that you've attempted the homework questions before class, so that if you know what questions to ask.

Cell phones are capable of far more than just calling and texting. During class, however, they are not to be used for anything beyond *necessary* class-related tasks and should, of course, be silenced.

It is only fair that you should have expectations of me and that I have expectations of myself. I will be on time to all classes, office hours, and tutoring sessions. I will be familiar with your homework and with the techniques you are supposed to use to solve the problems. I believe that prompt feedback is important, and I will grade and return quizzes on the class period after they were turned in.

Getting Help:

The fastest way to get ahold of me is by email. I check it often and can often respond within a few hours. Don't stress over the format of an email; an informal note is fine.

The Tutoring Room operates Monday to Wednesday from 5 to 8. The location will be stated on the course webpage. As stated above, I will be in the tutoring room from 5 to 7 on Mondays, but you can get help from other TAs during the other times. In addition to the tutoring room, I will hold office hours from 1 to 2 MWF in Altgeld 150. If these times do not work, contact me by email at least one day in advance to set up another time to meet.