

Fall 2012: Math 231 Sec. ADR TuTh 10:00 - 10:50 AM, Room: Altgeld 345  
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**Office Hours:**

Monday 3:00-4:00 in Altgeld 150  
Tuesday 4:00-6:00 in Tutoring Room.  
Wednesday 2:00-3:00 in Altgeld 150  
Friday 2:00-3:00 in Altgeld 150

**Structure:**

A typical discussion class period will look like

Non-Quiz Days		Quiz Days	
10:00–10:10	Examples, Homework Questions	10:00–10:10	Quiz
10:10–10:50	Worksheets in Groups	10:10–10:20	Examples, Homework Questions
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**Expectations:**

A large part of these discussion classes focus on group work, and the groups will be randomized day-to-day. Every person turns in a worksheet, but I randomly select one worksheet per group to grade. It is your responsibility to work as a group to make sure each person's worksheet is representative of the entire group's work. 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 wiki. In mathematics there is no substitute for working through homework problems, and I expect that you've attempted them so that if you get stuck, you can ask for help.

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 (looking up the course wiki, for example) and should, of course, be silent.

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 Thursday from 4 to 7. The location will be stated on the course wiki. As stated above, I will be in the tutoring room from 4 to 6 on Tuesdays, but other TAs will be staffing the room other times. In addition to the tutoring room, I will hold office hours from 2 to 3 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.