

## Christensen, Lars W

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 30 November 2015 08:45  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 15

Hi,

This is the last weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK
3. WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE FINAL EXAM
4. PROCTORS

1. This week there is only one homework assignment due, namely Homework-25. It is due tomorrow night, 1 December.

2. I have scheduled office hours as follows

Monday 11/30, 1:30-3pm

Tuesday 12/1 1:30-3pm

Thursday 12/3 1-2pm

Friday 12/4 2-4pm

As usual, if these times do not work for you, just contact me to set up a separate appointment.

3. The final exam is comprehensive, and you should expect problems from all chapters. The format is similar to the Midterm Exam.

4. If you do not have an approved proctor arrangement by 4:30pm on 12/2, then you must take the exam on the TTU campus in Lubbock. If you plan to use the same proctor as on the Midterm, then you do not need to fill out the Proctor Approval Form, but you still need to set up an appointment and have your proctor contact me.

Best,

Lars

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## Christensen, Lars W

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 19 November 2015 19:34  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 14

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. NO OFFICE HOURS ON MONDAY 11/23
3. FINAL EXAM DATE TIME AND VENUE
4. BLUE BOOKS

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. Next week there is only one homework assignment due, namely Homework-24. Because I'll be abroad, I won't be able to answer emails on Monday night, so I have extended the deadline by 24 hours. Beware, though, that I also won't answer emails on Tuesday night after 5pm.

2. Because I'm out of town, office hours on Monday 1/23 are cancelled.

3. The Final Exam takes place 4:30-7:00 pm on Friday 12/4 in Holden Hall 38 on the TTU campus in Lubbock.

If you have a valid reason not to take the exam on campus, then you need to arrange for a proctor. This also applies if you are allowed extra time on exams; even if you are in Lubbock. (You will then have to take the exam at the Academic Testing Center in West Hall, and they want you to schedule 5 days ahead.)

The easiest option for you is to use the testing center at a local college or university campus. If that is not possible, you must submit a Proctor Approval Form [http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/proctor\\_form\\_fillable\\_dsg.pdf](http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/proctor_form_fillable_dsg.pdf) for our consideration. This does not apply if you will be using the same proctor as on the Midterm Exam.

If you do not have an approved arrangement for proctoring by 4:30pm on Wednesday 12/2, then you must take the exam on the TTU campus in Lubbock.

4. On the final exam you must enter your answers in a Blue Examination Book, a.k.a. a Bluebook. They are sold on campuses and online; if you don't know what a Blue Examination Book looks like, check the announcements on MML.

Best,  
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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 12 November 2015 15:57  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 13

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. HOMEWORK-21 DUE TOMORROW 11/13
2. ASSIGNMENTS

1. I am out of town, but I forgot to say so in my email last week. Office hours are cancelled today, but I will be able to answer emails sporadically. For good measure I have extended the deadline on Quiz-21 and Homework-21 by 24 hours. Please allow me a little more time than usual to respond to emails.

2. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual homework due on Monday and Thursday night; before you can start working a homework assignment, you need to pass a quiz.

Best,  
Lars

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 05 November 2015 15:25  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 12

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. A 52-DECK OF CARDS

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual homework due on Monday and Thursday night; before you can start working a homework assignment, you need to pass a quiz.

2. If you are not quite sure what the cards in a standard 52-deck look like, how many red cards there are, etc. then take a look at my announcement from 2 November.

Best,  
Lars

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 29 October 2015 15:20  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 11

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. DROPPING LOW SCORES
3. PROCTORING FOR FINAL EXAM

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual homework due on Monday and Thursday night; before you can start working a homework assignment, you need to pass a quiz.

2. The total homework score you see in the Gradebook right now is based on the past due homework assignments (as I am writing, that is Homework 1-16) and the midterm review; the lowest one of these scores has been dropped. Towards the final grade, I will only count the 20 best out of the 25 homework assignments and the midterm review. This means that starting from Homework-21, I will drop an extra low score every time a new set of homework is due.

3. The final exam takes place on Friday 4 December, 4:30-7pm on the TTU campus in Lubbock. If you are more than 2 hours' drive away from Lubbock, you can take the exam elsewhere, provided that you arrange for an approved proctor. The absolutely easiest way to do this is to make arrangements with a testing center at a local college or university and have them contact me directly. In that case, you do not even need to fill out the proctor approval form

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 22 October 2015 17:04  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 10

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. RESULTS OF MIDTERM EXAM
3. LAST DROP DATE

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual homework due on Monday and Thursday night; before you can start working a homework assignment, you need to pass a quiz.

2. The results of the Midterm Exam were posted on the Gradebook yesterday, Wednesday 10/21.

3. The last day to drop a class (with penalty) is Monday 10/26. You can see your current total grade on Gradebook. As a rule of thumb, it is not possible to get total score of 65% (=D) if your current total is below 50%, but that is only a rule of thumb. Please schedule an appointment with me if you want to discuss you standing before the drop date.

Best,  
Lars

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 15 October 2015 19:51  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 9

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. RESULTS OF MIDTERM EXAM
3. LAST DROP DATE

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual homework due on Monday and Thursday night; before you can start working a homework assignment, you need to pass a quiz.

2. The results of the Midterm Exam will be posted on the Gradebook within one week; I expect it to happen on Wednesday 10/21.

3. The last day to drop a class (with penalty) is Monday 10/26.

Best,  
Lars

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 08 October 2015 16:02  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 8

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. REVIEW FOR MIDTERM EXAM
3. PROCTORS FOR MIDTERM EXAM
4. WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE MIDTERM EXAM

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. Assignment 13 is due at Midnight on Monday; before you can start working it, you need to pass Quiz-13. The Midterm Exam takes place on Thursday night, so there is no ordinary homework due that night.

2. I have made a set of review problems for the Midterm Exam. You can work it in MML from Midnight on Monday when the homework is due. If you solve the review problems by Midnight on Wednesday, then that counts as an extra set of homework (i.e. for calculation of your final grade, I will count the best 20 scores out of 25+1). At Midnight on Wednesday the answers to the problems become available, and you can review the problems and answers accessing them through the Gradebook.

3. If you have a valid reason not to take the Midterm Exam on the TTU campus, then you need to arrange for a proctor. This also applies if you are allowed extra time on exams; even if you are in Lubbock. (You will then have to take the exam at the Academic Testing Center in West Hall.)

The easiest option for you is to use the testing center at a local college or university campus. If that is not possible, you must submit a Proctor Approval Form

[http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/proctor\\_form\\_fillable\\_dsg.pdf](http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/proctor_form_fillable_dsg.pdf) for our consideration. Time is short by now, so make sure right away that your chosen proctor is available on next Thursday night 7-9:30pm, has the possibility to scan your solution and send it by email on the same night, and is willing to return the actual exam to TTU by courier or registered mail.

If you do not have an approved arrangement for proctoring by 7pm on Tuesday 10/13, then you must take the exam on the TTU campus in Lubbock.

4. The Midterm Exam covers chapters 3, 4 and 8. Expect the problems to look a lot like the ones from the homework. Take a look at some of the old final exams <http://www.math.ttu.edu/Undergraduate/FinalExams/finalexams.shtml> too, they will give you a good idea of what to expect.

The only aid allowed on the exam is a calculator, and with the exam you will get a formula sheet with the necessary financial formulas. You cannot bring your book or your notes, and you cannot use your phone in lieu of a calculator.



Your answers to the exam problems must be entered into a Blue Examination Book, so bring one of those. When you enter the room, I will check your Blue Book and TTU ID Card or valid TX DL.

If you have any questions about the exam, contact me.

Best,  
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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 01 October 2015 22:50  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 7

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. EXAM DATES AND TIMES
3. WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE MIDTERM EXAM

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual homework due on Monday and Thursday night; before you can start working a homework assignment, you need to pass a quiz.

2. The times for midterm and final exams are as announced on the Course Calendar. The original Syllabus and Policies had a typo, which has now been corrected. For good measure, here is the information:

Midterm Exam: 7-9:30 pm on Thursday 10/15

Final Exam: 4:30-7:00 pm on Friday 12/4

The Midterm Exam takes place in Room 234 in the Sciences Bldg. (Physics) on the Lubbock Campus. The room for the Final Exam has not yet been assigned.

3. The Midterm Exam covers chapters 3, 4 and 8. Expect the problems to look a lot like the ones from the homework. Take a look at some of the old final exams <http://www.math.ttu.edu/Undergraduate/FinalExams/finalexams.shtml> too, they will give you a good idea of what to expect.

The only aid allowed on the exam is a calculator, and with the exam you will get a formula sheet with the necessary financial formulas. You cannot bring your book or your notes, and you cannot use your phone in lieu of a calculator.

Your answers to the exam problems must be entered into a blue book, so bring one of those. When you enter the room, I will check your blue book and TTU ID Card, so don't leave the latter at home.

If you have any questions about the exam, contact me.

Best,  
Lars

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## Christensen, Lars W

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 24 September 2015 19:42  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 6

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. MIGRATION OF TTU EMAIL ACCOUNTS
3. ACCOMODATION FOR MIDTERM EXAM

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual homework due on Monday and Thursday night; before you can start working a homework assignment, you need to pass a quiz.

2. TTU has recently migrated all student email accounts to what is known as Outlook 365. It has not been without problems, and it still happens that emails I send to the class bounce for one or more students.

You should expect to get a "mass email", like this one, from me every Thursday. If you do not get it, Outlook 365 is likely to blame, but I have always managed to get the email through to everyone, albeit with some days of delay for some of you.

3. If you will not be taking the midterm exam on the TTU campus, please proceed to make alternate arrangements as soon as possible. As communicated in an earlier email ( you can see all emails here <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/math1300151-emails.pdf> ), the easiest form of accommodation to get approved is use of a college/university testing center. For that you do not even need the Proctor Approval Form.

Best,  
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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 17 September 2015 16:46  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 5

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. MML TEMPORARY ACCESS
3. A GOOGLE MAP FOR THE CLASS

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual homework due on Monday and Thursday night; before you can start working a homework assignment, you need to pass a quiz.

2. If your temporary access to MML has expired and you experience any problems reviving it, let me know as soon as possible. Do not, under any circumstances, create a new MML account.

3. The class now has a Google map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=z6KJTfRawE74.kCUS4hE16ac4&usp=sharing>

Anyone who has this link can view and edit the map, so do not share it outside the class. I have put a couple of markers on the map: where I was born, where I now live etc. If you want to share similar information with the rest of us, please go ahead.

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## Christensen, Lars W

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 10 September 2015 09:01  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 4

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. NO OFFICE HOURS TODAY

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework.
2. I am out of town this Thursday and Friday, so there are no (physical) office hours this afternoon, but of course I still answer email.

Best,  
Lars

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## Christensen, Lars W

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 03 September 2015 17:50  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 3

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. TUTOR AND STUDY CENTER
3. EXAMS

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. Monday is Labor Day, so there is only one homework assignment due next week: Homework-04 on Thursday; as usual you have to pass Quizz-04 before you can start the assignment. Remember that you have a limited number of attempts on each problem. If you run out of attempts, please email to have the limit raised. I will most likely ask you for your plan to get the problem right, so you may as well include some explanation with your request.

2. The Math Department's Tutor and Study Center is open for business Monday through Friday from 10am to 5pm, see <http://www.math.ttu.edu/Undergraduate/Resources/TSC/tutor.shtml>

3. The midterm exam takes place on 15 October and the final exam on 4 December; see the Syllabus. Both exams take place on the Tech campus in Lubbock. If you are more than 2 hours' drive away from Lubbock, you can take the exam elsewhere, provided that you arrange for an approved proctor. The absolutely easiest way to do this is to make arrangements with a testing center at a local college or university and have them contact me directly. In that case, you do not even need to fill out the proctor approval form [http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/proctor\\_form\\_fillable\\_dsg.pdf](http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/proctor_form_fillable_dsg.pdf). You need to have these arrangements in place 48 hours before the exam, so start looking into it.

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 27 August 2015 14:56  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300-D week 2

Hi,

This is the weekly email with announcements and updates on assignments. The topics are:

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. TTU E-MAIL ACCOUNTS
3. MML TEMPORARY ACCESS EXPIRY
4. WEB BROWSERS

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework; it is as always due on Monday and Thursday. Notice that you must pass Quiz-X before you can start Homework-X.

You have a limited number of attempts on each problem. If you run out of attempts, please email to have the limit raised. I will most likely ask you for your plan to get the problem right, so you may as well include some explanation with your request.

2. This email is sent to your account @ttu.edu, and that is the account that has to be used for all course related e-mail correspondence. I will not send information about the class, about your grades, etc. to a not validated e-mail address, so if you did not enter your TTU address when you registered in MML, please go ahead and change it.

3. If you have not yet entered an MML access code or paid within MML for access, then your access will expire 14 days after you joined the class on MML. Make sure to pay or enter an access code before that happens. MML can be a bit touchy with credit cards, so don't postpone paying till the last day.  
If the unthinkable happens and your temporary access expires before you pay, then contact me immediately. DO NOT create a new account.

4. MML requires various browser plug-ins to work; you can run the Browser Check from Course Home to see if your browser has the needed plug-ins. Experience shows that Firefox and Chrome users have fewer problems with MML; you may want to install and use one of those browsers for this class.

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## Christensen, Lars W

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 24 August 2015 08:16  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math1300-D  
**Attachments:** math1300151-syllabus.pdf

Hi,

The semester has now started.

1. The syllabus is attached to this email; you can also get it from the class homepage <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/teaching.html> and from within MyMathLab. Please read it and contact me immediately if anything is unclear. Pay particular attention to the exam dates and the procedures for taking exams off campus.

2. Our classroom for the semester is the online platform MyMathLab (MML). If you have not already joined the class on MML, do it now. All the information you need is on the class homepage and in the email I sent last week. If you have lost that one, notice that you can find all the emails I have sent to date on the homepage (and within MML). If you experience any problems in the registration process, don't hesitate to contact me.

3. In MML and on the homepage you can find the study guide for week 1.

4. The first homework assignment is due at Midnight (Central Time) on Thursday 27 August; you will see it as soon as you get on MyMathLab. Notice that you have to complete Quiz-01 before you can start Homework-01.

5. I have office hours today from 1:30 to 3 pm Central Time. You can find me online in MML under Course Tools > Chat & ClassLive.

I look very much forward to working with you this semester!

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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 17 August 2015 11:42  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Welcome to Math 1300 Contemporary Mathematics  
**Attachments:** math1300151-calendar.pdf

Hi,

Welcome to Math 1300 Contemporary Mathematics. This being an online class, we may only get to see each other at the exams; and maybe not even that. If you find yourself on the Tech campus in Lubbock one day, please stop by and say hello. I'm in office 251 in the Math Building.

The semester begins one week from today, but I thought you might be curious about how the class is going to run, so I'll share that with you today.

1. The class has two exams, and those are old-fashioned written exams that you will take on the Tech campus or at an approved testing facility (more about that on the syllabus). Everything else in this class takes place in the online platform known as MyMathLab (MML).
2. The class has a homepage, <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/teaching.html>. All the information on this page is also available within MML, but I maintain it because it may be easier to access in case you just want to download a document. It is no substitute for MML, that's where you do the class work.
3. Getting on MML is easy: Point your browser to [www.mymathlab.com](http://www.mymathlab.com) and enter the class key, which is christensen31248. You can get more thorough instructions from the class homepage. Once you join the class on MML, you have access to the electronic version of the textbook (eBook) and all the other resources. It's free for the first two weeks; to remain in the class after this grace period, you have to either
  - (a) Enter an MML access code (It comes with the textbook, if you have bought a printed one from a reliable vendor.) or
  - (b) Pay \$80, within MML, for continued access. (This is the online-only option that I mentioned in my email last week. It does not buy you a printed textbook, only access to MML including the eBook. If you later decide that you want a printed textbook you can, still within MML, order a loose-leaf printed version for another \$82.)
4. You can join the class on MML today, but I recommend that you wait, at least until Thursday. You will not be able to see any assignments before that. To give you an overview of the semester, I have attached the course calendar. It shows which sections you will be studying, due dates of homework, and exam dates. The homework assignments will show up within MyMathLab, but make sure to take note of the exam dates already now.

Best,  
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**From:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Sent:** 11 August 2015 19:29  
**To:** Christensen, Lars W  
**Subject:** Math 1300 textbook

Dear students,

You receive this email because you have signed up for the online (distance learning) version of Math 1300 Contemporary Mathematics. The semester is still almost two weeks in the future, but I want to give you a heads-up regarding the textbook.

We will use the 5th edition of Thomas Pirnot's "Mathematics all around", and all your course work (less the exams) will be done in the associated web-based platform called MyMathLab.

Printed versions of the textbook with access codes to MyMathLab are for sale in the bookstores. Don't buy a book without access code. You also have the option of buying an online-only version of the textbook with access to MyMathLab for a discounted price of \$80. If you want to take advantage of this, you need to do absolutely nothing at this point; instructions of how to get it will be given right before the first day of class. (Should you later decide on getting a print version, you can supplement your online version with a printed loose-leaf textbook for another \$82.)

Enjoy the rest of the summer,

Lars

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