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From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 12 May 2016 13:45
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D Final Exam Reminder

Hi,

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

1. CURRENT CLASS SCORE
2. OFFICE HOURS BEFORE THE FINAL EXAM
3. OLD FINAL EXAMS
4. FINAL EXAM TIME AND VENUE
5. PROCTORS

1. The class score you see on MML right now is based on your 20 best online homework assignment, your 10 best written assignments, and the midterm exam.

2. Between now and the Final Exam I have scheduled office hours as follows:

Friday 5/13, 3-5pm

Monday 5/16, 3-5pm

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

3. Old final exams are a great study tool and available here

<http://www.math.ttu.edu/Undergraduate/FinalExams/finalexams.shtml> . The final exam is comprehensive, and you should expect problems from all chapters. The exam is common for all sections, on-line and in-class. The format is similar to the Midterm Exam.

4. The Final Exam takes place from 10:30 am to 1 pm on Tuesday 5/17 in rooms 112 (section D01) and 114 (section D02) in the Math Building on the TTU campus in Lubbock; see the map <http://www.ttu.edu/map/> . The closest "Park and Pay" is in front of the math building <http://www.parking.ttu.edu/students/park-pay-system> .

5. If you do not have an approved proctor arrangement by 5 pm on 5/13, 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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From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 05 May 2016 22:46
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: RE: Math 1300-D week 15

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. DROPPING LOW SCORES
3. OFFICE HOURS BEFORE THE FINAL EXAM
4. WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE FINAL EXAM
5. FINAL EXAM TIME AND VENUE
6. PROCTORS

1. Next week there is only one homework assignment due, namely Homework-25, and it is due on Monday night.

2. Your current score on MML is based on:

- the Midterm Exam
- the best 20 of the 23 online homework assignment that have been due till now (20 out of 24 if you did the Midterm Review), and on
- the best 10 out of the 11 written homework assignments.

As the due dates of the last two online homework assignments pass, another two low scores will be dropped.

3. The last regular scheduled office hours are 1:30-3pm on Monday 5/9. Between then and the Final Exam I have scheduled office hours as follows:

Friday 5/13, 3-5pm

Monday 5/16, 3-5pm

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

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

5. The Final Exam takes place from 10:30 am to 1 pm on Tuesday 5/17 in rooms 112 (section D01) and 114 (section D02) in the Math Building on the TTU campus in Lubbock.

6. If you do not have an approved proctor arrangement by 5 pm 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,
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From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 28 April 2016 14:32
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 15

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. NO OFFICE HOURS ON 5/2 and 5/5
3. PROCTORS FOR FINAL EXAM
4. FACEBOOK FRIEND REQUESTS

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

2. I will be out of town next week, so the regular office hours on Monday 5/2 and Thursday 5/5 are cancelled. I will be answering emails and phone calls as usual.

3. Remember, if you will not be taking the Final Exam with the class on campus, then you must have an approved proctor agreement in place by 5pm on Friday 5/13. If you want to use the same proctor as on the Midterm Exam, then you don't need to fill out the Proctor Approval Form, but you do need to set up an appointment and let me know about it, so that I can contact the proctor at time to everything agreed on by 5pm on 5/13.

4. I have a rule that I don't accept friend requests from undergraduate students, so please don't take it personally.

Best,
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From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 21 April 2016 22:13
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
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 5/2 and 5/5

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

2. I will be out of town the first week of May, so the regular office hours on Monday 5/2 and Thursday 5/5 are cancelled. I will be answering emails and phone calls as usual.

Best,
Lars

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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 14 April 2016 14:07
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 13

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. NO OFFICE HOURS ON 4/21
3. PROCTORING FOR THE FINAL EXAM

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

2. I will be out of town on Thursday and Friday next week, so the regular office hours on Thursday 4/21 are cancelled. Send me an email if you want to meet with me on Tuesday or Wednesday instead. On Monday 4/18 I hold office hours 1:30-3pm as usual.

3. The final exam takes place on Tuesday 17 May, 10:30am-1pm, on the TTU campus in Lubbock. If you cannot make it to Lubbock for the exam, then you can take it at the testing center of any accredited college or university in your area. To arrange for this, you need to fill out the Proctor Approval Form <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/math1300162-proctor.pdf> and return it to me. I will then contact the testing center for verification and to arrange delivery and return of your exam.

If you used a proctor for the Midterm Exam and wish to use the same proctor for the Final Exam, then let me know. In that case you do not need to fill out the form again. If you did not use a proctor for the Midterm Exam, or if you want to use a different proctor than on the Midterm Exam, then start looking into it now.

If you will not be taking then Final Exam on campus, then you must have an approved proctor agreement in place by 5pm on Friday 5/13.

Best,
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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 07 April 2016 23:46
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 12

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. GRADE REPLACEMENT

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

2. The Final Exam is comprehensive; if you do better on the final than on the midterm, then the score on the final replaces the score on the midterm.

Best,
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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 31 March 2016 14:23
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 11

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 IS TODAY

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

2. The results of the Midterm Exam were posted on the Gradebook on Tuesday 3/29.

3. The last day to drop a class (with penalty) is today 3/31. You can see your current total score on the MML Gradebook. As a rule of thumb, it is not possible to get a total score of 65% (=D) if your current total is below 50%, but that is only a rule of thumb. If your current total is around 50%, please assess your situation carefully; calculation of the final grade is explained on the Syllabus.

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From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 29 March 2016 22:54
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Results of Midterm Exam

Hi,

I have uploaded the results of the Midterm Exam to the MML Gradebook. The score you see was computed as follows:

On every exam the 14 marked (or the first 14, if you did not clearly mark which ones you wanted graded) problems were graded on a scale from 0 to 12 points. The scores were added up to a sum s between 0 and 168. Since you won't be able to review the graded problems and contest the grading, you were given one grace point per problem, and your score was calculated as $s/154$.

The Midterm Exam counts for 25% of the grade. On the MML Gradebook it is lumped together with the written homework in the category Offline Items, so that category now accounts for 30%.

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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 25 March 2016 00:19
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 8

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. RESULTS OF MIDTERM EXAM
3. LAST DAY TO DROP IS 3/31

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There are no classes and hence no homework due on Monday, but online homework is due on Thursday.
2. The results of the midterm exam will be uploaded to MML on Tuesday 3/29.
3. Once you know the results of the midterm, please contact me if you have thoughts of dropping the class.

Best,
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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 17 March 2016 15:05
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 9

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. EXTRA OFFICE HOURS ON 3/23
3. MIDTERM EXAM TIME AND VENUE

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week. There is no homework due, but I have assigned a Midterm Review due on 3/23. If you complete that assignment, it will count as an extra set of homework. I.e. the homework component of your final score will be based on the 20 best scores out of 26.

2. I will hold extra office hours on Wednesday 3/23 from Noon to 3pm.

3. The Midterm Exam on takes place from 7 to 9:30 pm on Thursday 3/24. The room is Holden Hall 38 on the TTU Campus in Lubbock; see the map <http://www.ttu.edu/map/>. The closest "Park and Pay" is in front of the math building <http://www.parking.ttu.edu/students/park-pay-system> . If you will not be taking the exam on campus on Thursday, you need to have an approved proctoring agreement in place 48 hours before the exam.

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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 03 March 2016 14:32
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 8

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. NO OFFICE HOURS ON 3/10
3. WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE MIDTERM EXAM
4. PROCTORS FOR MIDTERM EXAM

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

2. I am out of town from Wednesday next week, so I won't be in for office hours on Thursday 3/10. I will answer emails as usual.

3. The Midterm Exam on 3/24 covers chapters 3, 4, and 8. Expect the problems to look like the ones on the homework assignments. 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.

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

Your answers to the problems on the exam must be entered into an Examination Blue Book, so bring one of those. When you enter the room, I will check your Blue Book and TTU ID Card or Driver's License.

Make sure to show your work on the problems. If your only answer to a problem is a number with no explanation of how you computed it, and if that number is wrong, then you get 0 points for the problem. If, on the other hand, your show work and some of it is correct, then you get some credit, even if the final answer is wrong.

There is no homework due in the week of the Midterm Exam, but I will make a set of review problems next week. If you have any questions about the exam, please contact me sooner rather than later.

4. If you are more than 150 miles away from Lubbock, you can take the exams at the testing center of any SACS accredited college or university in your area. To arrange for this, you need to send me a fill out Proctor Approval Form <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/math1300162-proctor.pdf> . I will then contact the testing center for verification and to arrange delivery and return of your exam. You need to have an approved proctoring agreement in place 48 hours before the exam.

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From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 25 February 2016 06:50
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 7

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. WRITTEN HOMEWORK
3. EXAMINATION BLUE BOOKS

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

2. To answer a frequently asked question: The reason for collecting written homework is to make sure that, once you arrive to the exams, you are comfortable writing out solutions by hand and showing work. On MML you only have to enter an answer, and you get full credit for a correct answer and no credit for a wrong answer, but you have 10 attempts to get it right. On the exams you only have one attempt; if your answer is just a number, and that number is wrong, then there is no credit. But, if you show how you arrived at the number, then you will get partial credit for the steps that were correct.

3. On the exams, solutions to all problems have to be written out in an Examination Blue Book. If you don't know what such a thing looks like, then take a look at MML; I have posted an announcement with a picture of such a book.

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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 18 February 2016 10:09
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 6

Hi,

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

1. ASSIGNMENTS
2. NO OFFICE HOURS ON 2/25

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

2. I am out of town next Thursday and Friday, so there are no office hours on Thursday 2/25. I will still respond to emails.

Best,
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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 11 February 2016 11:26
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
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. CALCULATORS

1. I have uploaded the Study Guide for next week and assigned homework. There is as usual written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

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

3. On the exams you can use any stand-alone calculator, but you cannot use the calculator on your phone. To ensure that you are familiar with the calculator when you get to the exam, make sure to use it when you do your homework. The problems in Chapter 8 require a lot of computations, and a common problem is rounding errors. To avoid the frustration of rounding errors, make sure to carry all decimals and make full use of your calculator's memory function.

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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 04 February 2016 14:33
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D week 4

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. As usual, there is written homework due on Monday and online homework due on Monday and Thursday.

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 24 March and the final exam on 17 May; see the Syllabus. Both exams take place on the TTU campus in Lubbock. If you are more than 150 miles away from Lubbock, you can take the exams at the testing center of any accredited college or university in your area. To arrange for this, you need to fill out the Proctor Approval Form <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/math1300162-proctor.pdf> and return it to me. I will then contact the testing center for verification and to arrange delivery and return of your exam. You need to have an approved proctoring agreement in place 48 hours before the exam, so start looking into it.

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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 28 January 2016 14:37
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
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 due on Monday and Thursday. Notice that you must pass Quiz 2 before you can start Homework 2 etc. Notice also that the first written assignment, Homework A, is due on Monday. You can find it under the announcements on MML Course Home.

You have a limited number of attempts on each problem in MML. If you run out of attempts, please email to have the limit raised. I will 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. Notice that "Temporary access expires on: Feb 04, 2016" means that access expires at the end of the day on Feb 03.

Make sure to pay or enter an access code before your grace period expires. 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 DO NOT create a new account. You will still have a few days to revive your account, and if you encounter any problems in that process, contact me immediately.

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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From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 25 January 2016 09:08
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math 1300-D reminder about homework due

Hi,

This is a reminder that Homework 1 is due this Thursday at Midnight.

To do your homework, you need to be enrolled in the class on the MyMathLab platform. Enrollment is free for the first two weeks. You can find more information and instructions on the course homepage <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/teaching.html> and, in particular, in my emails from last week <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchrste/download/math1300162-emails.pdf>

Before you can start working on Homework 1 you need to pass Quiz 1 with a score of at least 75%. Your score on the quiz does not count towards your final grade; the quiz is just a gate keeper that you have to get by. The reason is that all study aids are allowed on the homework, but I want to make sure that you have actually studied the material before you start working on homework.

You have 10 attempts at the quiz and 10 attempts at every homework problem. If you need more attempts, you will have to contact me. I will always give you more attempts, but I will also want to chat with you about the problem.

I have office hours this afternoon 1:30-3pm. Please stop by, call or write as is convenient for you.

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From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 21 January 2016 14:51
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Math1300-D Week 1
Attachments: math1300162-calendar.pdf; math1300162-syllabus.pdf

Hi,

The semester has now started.

1. The syllabus and class calendar are 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 on Monday. 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 weeks 1-2. The study guide for week 3 will be uploaded next Thursday.
4. The first homework assignment is due at Midnight (Central Time) on Thursday 28 January; you will see it as soon as you get on MyMathLab. Notice that you have to complete Quiz 1 before you can start Homework 1.

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Christensen, Lars W

From: Christensen, Lars W
Sent: 18 January 2016 20:11
To: Christensen, Lars W
Cc: Weasenforth, Kristen
Subject: Welcome to Math 1300 Contemporary Mathematics

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 on Thursday, but I want to share some important information with you already now.

1. Do not look for this class on Blackboard; it is not there! The online platform for the class is MyMathLab (MML).

2. Getting on MML is easy and free for the first two weeks: Point your browser to www.mymathlab.com and enter the class key, which is christensen98607. You can get more thorough instructions from the class homepage; see 4. As part of the enrollment process, you will create an MML account. It is important that you use your ttu.edu email address on that account, as I cannot send sensitive information about grades etc. to an unverified account.

3. 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 approx. \$80, within MML, for continued access. (This is the online-only option that I mentioned in my email last month. 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 approx. \$80.)

3. The class has a homepage, <http://www.math.ttu.edu/~lchriste/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.

Please don't hesitate to get back to me with any questions you may have.

Best,
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Hi,

You receive this email because you have signed up for the online (distance learning) version of Math 1300 Contemporary Mathematics. The semester is still four 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 an 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 some \$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.

Best,

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