Math 126– Activities in Math Fall 2011

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**Office hours** (getting help): I will be available in my office (206F NH; office phone 425-3119) MWF 10:00-11:30. Call or e-mail to make an appointment if you want to meet with me, and are not available at those times.

Announcements, schedules, assignments and review sheets are posted on my web site: <u>www.langfordmath.com</u> (also any revisions to the syllabus). I will be posting your scores on D2L. I have found some problems in the past with the gradebook on D2L. Please save all of your work from this class until after you have checked your grades to make sure I have scores recorded

**Mathematics, the good parts version**: In this course we will investigate and rediscover some of the big ideas, and cool discoveries in mathematics. This is an active class where you will be thinking, explaining and problem solving as you learn about some important math ideas. You should come away from this class with an appreciation for some parts of math that you both like and understand.

**Your work:** With a few exceptions, there will be one homework for every topic we study, and there will be daily quizzes. Practice quizzes will be posted on the web before each quiz. Your grade will be based on your work from:

- Daily quizzes on the topic of the previous day (15-30 points each)
- Homework/projects from each topic (30-50 pts each)
- Two exams: a mid-term and a final exam, 100-150 points each

Letter grades will be at least as high as those determined by:

A: 93-100%	A-: 90-92%	B+: 87-89%	B: 83-86%	B-: 80-82%
C+: 77-79%	C: 73-76%	C-: 70-72%	D+: 67-69%	D: 50-66%

Late work: Late work and missed quizzes can be made up with the following conditions:

- You have 1 week to complete make up work and take missed quizzes
- You can receive full credit for this work if your can provide written documentation that your absence was due to circumstances you had no control over (examples of written documentation include a doctors note, a towing receipt, an obituary or a note from your RA if you have the flu)
- Even without a verifiable excuse, you can make up work at a 25% penalty.

## Come to class, you can do it!

A lot of the things we do in this class are things you have not done before, so you will be able to do a lot better if you come to class as well as studying the notes and practicing for quizzes. *But* this class is very disjoint for a math class—if you miss one week, you can jump back in the next week and you usually won't need to go back to what you missed in order to understand the new stuff. I planned this class with you in mind—if you are diligent, you can succeed!

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