Homework Rules and Guidelines

• Homework assignments will be posted on-line, and collected regularly. Homework is considered late if not turned in at beginning of class. I will accept one late homework from each of you, if turned in within one week of its due date. After that you have to turn them in on time in order to receive credit – no exception.

• Loose-leaf paper is recommended. No notebooks will be accepted.

• Homework is to be neat and organized – your writing is to be readable, problems should be numbered and worked in order, and your answers boxed, circled, or somehow set apart from the problem.

• Problems are to be separated by at least one line width.

• The top right of each page should clearly display the text section number as well as your name.

• NO WORK ... NO POINTS! It’s that simple! The process is much more important than the answers in this class. First write down the original problem. Then show your work, step by step, in a logical manner. Remember to use equal signs properly. Any calculations which don’t fit into the “step by step calculations” (scratch work) can be written on the side or down below. Homework with only answers will receive zero points.

• When working on word problems, the key pieces of information given in the problem should be written down in the beginning of your work, and the final solution is to be written as a complete sentence with correct units.

• Graphing problems need to be done on a neatly drawn grid, with evenly spaced axis scales on graphing paper.

• I assign mainly odd problems, with the intent of you to correct your own answers with the key in the back of your book. Remember that we learn from our mistakes. If you don’t know how to get the right answer, please ask me, a classmate, or a tutor.

• Staple your pages together, in correct order, in the top left corner. (Please do NOT use paperclips or fold the corners.)

Grading: There will be 10 homework assignments, each worth a total of 5 pts.

  2 pts – I will check 2 specific problems in each homework set, worth 1 pt each
  2 pts – overall completeness
  1 pt – presentation adhering to the above guidelines
  5 pts – total

if you are not sure if your homework conforms to the guidelines above, please come and see me.