Homework Guidelines

The purpose of homework assignments is for you the student to practice techniques and strategies learned in class. This practice is absolutely necessary for a successful understanding of the concepts developed in the course.

You are responsible to check that your answer matches the solutions posted in the back of your textbook. If you do not arrive at the same answer, here are some suggestions about what to do:

- Make sure you wrote the problem down correctly.
- Double check your calculations.
- Check your notes from class to be sure you fully understand the process involved in finding a solution.
- Look at the examples in the book to see which most closely resembles the problem you are working on.
- Do not spend more than 15 minutes at one sitting with the same problem. Step away for a while, try working on some other problems that are more comfortable for you, and return to the problem after a break.
- Ask a study partner to scan over your work to see if there are any mistakes that were not obvious to you. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to return the favor!
- Get help from the tutors at the MLC.
- Bring up the problem during my office hours or during our homework review time. If you bring it up in class, I might ask you how far you got in the process since it helps us to narrow in on the specific area that gave you trouble.

Before turning in the homework, refer to the guidelines listed below to receive full credit.

- Name, course, date, and assignment number listed on front page.
- Name on every page.
- Section number listed at the top of each page, in the opposite corner of where any staples or clips may be used.
- New sections are started on the front of a new page.
- Graphing is done legibly using rulers, clearly labeled axes, and appropriate units shown.
- Steps are shown, and answer is boxed-in, underlined, or highlighted.
- Problems are completed according to the assignment sheet and what is assigned in class.
- Work is completed in pencil or erasable pen.
- No spiral notebook edges allowed. Use regular notebook paper, graph paper, or trim off the spiral edge with scissors.
- Bind together with paperclip or staple.
- Homework is turned in on time.