


MAT 1575  
Fall 2014  
Professor K. Poirier  
Extra Credit Writing Assignment  
Due: December 22 12:00pm in N711

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Hi, this is the future you. No, seriously this is not a joke!! Please just read this note if you want an easier time in Calc II. You need to arrange more time for studying around exam dates, maybe call in sick at work when the boss is busy dealing with Delta and not on your back. Complete WebWork problems on the bus and train, and skim through the Calc textbook in your Engineering Structures class (that class is really easy, just study the homework questions). Only do the "Power series" questions out of the textbook. Don't worry, the textbook homework is not collected.

The most important thing is to study crazy hard and do not rely heavily on the textbook. The textbook is highly technical and is written for people who already semi-mastered the subject

but want a more concise and detailed understanding (this is the downside of an author with a Ph.D.). Spend much more time on Khan Academy than any other study technique (google it).

One more thing, lecture notes are not helpful in advance courses. All information can be googled. It's better to listen to the professor's lectures than trying to take notes and listen at the same time, you will end up confusing yourself. Yes..., I know that you know this already, I already told you that I am you from 5 months in the future!!! This is just in case someone else finds this note and wants a good grade.

Oh yay, P.S.:

August 30, 2014 -

Mega Millions - 3, 26, 45, 58, 73; mega ball, 12

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Note to past self:

Golden ~~Notes~~ Rules to succeed in this class:

- ① ~~Do not~~ Be prepared for the class. ~~It~~ This means, bring Calculator (Ti-89 ~~if~~)! ~~eat~~ eat healthy breakfast / meal before coming to class.
  - ② ~~Always~~ Do not be afraid to use calculator in this class.  
→ Always use calculator to check answers!
  - ③ → sketch proofs.  
Do ~~the~~ homeworks, even if the professor is not collecting. ~~of~~ ~~work~~ is not enough.
  - ④ Youtube.com ⇒ Best source for this course.
  - ⑤ Only come to class if you want to learn something.
  - ⑥ Print previous final Exam Review and keep it ~~on your~~ ~~table~~ by your side.
- hint: ~~the~~ ~~exam~~ ~~is~~ ~~based~~ ~~on~~ ~~that~~ Prof puts the Quiz question from that review.

## Special Note:

- ~~Don't be afraid to~~
- Do not worry about the ~~right~~<sup>wrong</sup> answer, ~~but~~ instead worry about the right answer.
- Practice!

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I would say that you need to start from day one with practicing the problems. If its on the train ~~at~~, between class, or at lunch at work you need to practice. I would also say to not stress to much because you will make stupid mistakes on test like I did. I would say to also be confident in yourself and believe you can do it. but remember to always practice. Also to not be afraid to ask Professor. Poirier questions. She is more then willing to help.

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If I knew, after missing the first 3 classes from each of my classes, I would have dropped one of my classes from the first day. I believe if I did that I was going to do much better during this semester.

Today if I had a chance, the first thing is to avoid missing the classes that I did miss or just drop one of the classes. One of the most important things that will tell a student who just starting a MAT 1575, is that the class is easy but he or she need a lot of practices. To my ~~under~~ understanding, the more problems you solve, the better you understand the materials.

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The first thing I would make sure to do is go to sleep early if I have class early. I would not take any ~~so~~ topic lightly and study much more. Work on review questions from the textbook on my spare time. Try to work less at work ~~ice~~ in order to have time to work on my calculus knowledge. What I would do differently is study harder and take the subject like if I'm just learning it. The most important thing a student who is just starting a MAT 1575 class is to review his/her notes every night if possible.

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\* Drum roll\*

C+ maybe D (I tried :())

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Yeah so basically go to YouTube and subscribe to a guy "Patrickjmt". He has videos that are examples on the chapters and makes everything clear. Step 2, Prof. Poirier is actually there during office hours and is a great help for problems that are too tough. Step 3, look at the summary of each chapter in the textbook and write down the formulas/rules in a book for easier reference. Step 4, do all the homework on webwork including the textbook. Practice makes perfect. Step 5, get some sleep. I know its going to get stressful but its better to be well rested and awake then sleepy and drinking your 5<sup>th</sup> cup of coffee.

Okay Homie, you got this. Follow my words of wisdom and you'll do just fine. Punch that Final in the face.... with a chair.... twice. Good luck.



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I am praying for D.

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Now I know that doing the last minute studying in math is not helpful at all. All the new topics are connected to each other, so if you didn't do enough of problems for the first topic, you would not be able to connect it to the second. Doing the homework right after the class will help you not to lose the string of information and advises you just got from your professor. It is doable, but needs spending amount of time. One of my professors told us: — "We all have the same number of chromosomes. So why, do you think, the person next to you can do it, and you just can't?" The answer is very easy. We all need to stop being lazy.

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Praying for C. I get deployed on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. Need this to rank up.

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I wish I payed more attention in class. Well this was a very hard class in general. For a student that took math after 3 years, it was very difficult. When I started to understand it but was too late for it. I actually wish I had a second chance at it. But due to my job I am only here for 1 semester. I needed to pass this class and receive the credit to move up in rank in the Army. I took 19 credits this semester. I should've taken less so I could have done better in this class.

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To succeeding in MAT 1575 more practice on problems should be taken  
Differently I will try my possible best

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take Calculus 2 as my  
only class and put more  
time into practicing limits  
my brain just won't hold  
those rules after all that  
anti differentiation  
and various other subjects

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- \* CREATE A SEPARATE SECTION IN YOUR NOTES FOR FORMULAS, RULES, AND TESTS.
- \* COMPLETE WRITTEN AND WEB HOMEWORK EARLY AND OFTEN.
- \* KEEP A LOG OF PROBLEMS YOU CANT SOLVE ON YOUR OWN, AND REVIEW THE LOG AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE EACH TEST.
- \* ALWAYS EAT BREAKFAST, AND GO TO BED EARLY THE NIGHT BEFORE EACH CLASS.
- \* PAY ATTENTION EVERY SECOND OF EVERY CLASS. THERE WILL BE NO BETTER OR EASIER CHANCE TO LEARN THE MATERIAL.

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~~Next~~  
FOR ME TO SUCCEED, I DETERMINED NOT TO MISS ANY CLASS FOR WHATSOEVER REASON. I MADE SURE MY HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS ARE ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF, IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY CLASSES AND IT REALLY WORKED MAGIC FOR ME. IF I AM GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE, I WILL DO IT <sup>WITH</sup> THE SAME VIGOR, FOCUS AND CONCENTRATION THAT I PUT INTO THIS COURSE.

MY ADVICE TO UPCOMING STUDENT IS:-  
- CONCENTRATE & ASK QUESTIONS  
- DO YOUR ASSIGNMENTS & HOMEWORK  
- DON'T MISS YOUR CLASSES FOR WHATEVER REASON THAT IS NOT BEYOND YOUR CONTROL.

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My note would say "you should have not overslept and missed the first class. To succeed in this class, it requires practice. No matter how much you might not understand in this class there is help online and take a lot of initiative. Its the only way to pass a challenging class like MAT 1575. I would have taken test 1 & 3 after having slept the night before. Test 2 I slept night before the test and I passed that one. Practice and CHECK!! integrals. They are worth points on the test. Something I would have done differently is ask a lot of questions rather than trying to figure it out ~~myself~~. Someone who is just starting a MAT 1575 class should not be afraid when they hear the word "Calculus #2". It is a class that was taught pretty great. My grade ~~was my~~ will be what I deserve if I pass or fail. Its upto you to decide if you want

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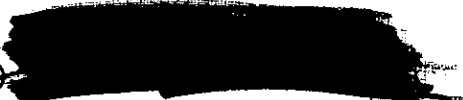
To: [REDACTED]

Dude, I'm writing this at the risk of a paradox (that's risking a lot for a grade). Anyways, it always goes the same way: you have a strong start at the beginning of the semester, but looks like time is inversely proportional to how good you do in class. My advice to you can be summarized in a word: EFFORT!. Those times you don't feel like doing the homework, just get started and you'll see how you finish without realizing it. Focus on getting 100 on the webworks because you have time to finish them and it's a big part of your grade (Reading your notes on the way to class helped a lot too). But the most important thing in this class is to learn (duh) and the BEST way to learn is by doing. So practice, it's not so hard once you start understanding the topics.

PS: It can rain on the brightest day, so don't forget your umbrella.



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Knowing what I know now, I would not taking too many high level classes. Taking classes such as physics calculus based. This, in hindsight, was a foolish mistake but just like everything else, I will learn from my past experiences