

**MATH 5990 COURSE INFORMATION**  
**FALL 2013**

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*Office Hours:* Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30–1:30; Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30; or by appointment

**Prerequisite:** none.

**Materials:** There will be some readings assigned from Steven Krantz' book, *How to Teach Mathematics (2nd edition)*, as well as from other sources which I will supply.

Information about the course will be posted on D2L and on the course web page, which is at [www.math.ou.edu/~jalbert/courses/5990fa13.html](http://www.math.ou.edu/~jalbert/courses/5990fa13.html) .

**Grading:** The grade for this course is based on (i) class attendance and participation and (ii) completion of assignments. The possible grades are S and U. To get a grade of S you should do 80% of the assignments and attend and participate in at least eight of the ten course meetings. The course meetings are to be held at 1:30 pm on Wednesdays during the fall semester in PHSC 1105. Tentative dates for the Wednesday class meetings are Aug. 21, Aug. 28, Sept. 4, Sept. 11, Sept. 18, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, and Nov. 6.

(There are no tests in this course, but if there were, I would include information here about my policy on make-up exams. I usually write something like this: "If you are unable to attend a test because of illness, please call me BEFORE the test begins. If I am not in my office, leave a message for me at the Mathematics Department; the number is 325-6711. I will arrange a make-up exam. Other potential reasons for make-up exams include absences related to other university coursework. These should be discussed with me in advance. In general, make-ups will not be given for quizzes, and late homework will not be accepted.")

I also might give a list of tentative dates for exams, quizzes, or special assignments. Notice that the University has a policy which restricts what you can assign for pre-finals week: see the OU Faculty Handbook, section 4.10.)

**Academic Integrity:** See the webpage <http://www.ou.edu/integrity/students.html> for explanations of what academic integrity and academic misconduct are, and what are OU's policies concerning them. (Mouse over "Students" at the top of the page and follow the links in the drop-down menu that appears.)

**Religious Holidays:** It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. If you plan to be absent to observe a religious holiday, please notify me as soon as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements.

**Reasonable Accommodation:** Here is the University's policy on accommodation of students with disabilities.

*The University of Oklahoma is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for all students with disabilities. Students with disabilities who require accommodations in this course are requested to speak with the professor as early in the semester as possible. Students with disabilities must be registered with the Office of Disability Services prior to receiving accommodations in this course. The Office of Disability Services is located in Goddard Health Center, Suite 166, phone 405/325-3852 or TDD only 405/325-4173.*