

## MA 103 FINITE MATHEMATICS

Winter Semester, 2002

M–W–Th–F, 10:00–10:50 A.M., Jamrich 227

**Prerequisite:** MA 100, with a grade of C– or better, or satisfactory score on Math Placement Exam.

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I am in and out of the office throughout the day and am willing to meet with students who drop in at other times if whatever I am doing can be set aside. To be sure I will be there when you can come, make an appointment.

### Required Materials:

**Textbook:** FINITE MATHEMATICS, fourth edition, Daniel P. Maki and Maynard Thompson, McGraw-Hill, 1996. **Computer and Calculator:** We will make use of the TI Interactive software that comes installed on the laptop computers students lease from NMU. It is not required, but it will be convenient for students if they also have a graphing calculator. The in-class instruction, homework assignments, and tests will require the use of a the TI Interactive software or a graphing calculator.

### Course Content:

The course will cover topics found in Chapters 1 through 9 in the text, excluding Chapters 4 and 8. In addition, there will be some supplemental material on logarithmic functions in conjunction with Chapter 9. The topics covered will include the basic ideas of mathematical models, linear models, introductory linear algebra and matrices, an introduction to linear programming, the mathematics of finance, sets, Venn diagrams, and tree diagrams, introductory combinatorics, and introductory probability.

### Course Grade:

Course grades will be based on scores on 6 to 8 unannounced quizzes, 4 hour exams and a final exam. The two lowest quiz scores will be thrown out, and the remaining quiz scores will together be equivalent to an hour exam. The final exam will be equivalent to two hour exams. The final grade will be based upon the average of the best 6 of the 7 scores resulting from the quiz average, the 4 hour exams and the final exam, counted double. [Note: The throw-away grade can be half of the final exam.] The grading scale will be absolute: A: [93,100]; A–: [90,93]; B+: [87,90); B: [83,87); B–: [80,83); C+: [77,80); C: [73,77); C–: [70,73); D+: [67,70); D: [63,67); D–: [60,63); F: [0,60).

### Make-up Policy:

Quizzes cannot be made up. A missed quiz will be a zero, and will have to be one of your throwaway quizzes. Hour exams can be made up for valid reasons of health or family emergency. Prior notification of your missing a test is expected whenever possible.

### Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance at class is expected, and is essential for success in the course.

### Schedule:

A daily schedule will be prepared and given out. It will be followed reasonably closely. Coverage of topics may vary up to a few days from the dates indicated. Test dates, however, will remain fixed. It is expected that students will work the assigned problems. Again, this is essential for success in the course.

**Special Needs:** If you have a need for disability-related accommodations or services, please inform the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Disability Services Office at 1104 University Center (227-1737). Reasonable and effective accommodations and services will be provided to students if requests are made in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation, in accordance with federal, state, and University guidelines.