

## Rules on homework in Math 31 Spring 2010

**Basics.** Homework will be due every day, except for exam days. Depending on the nature of the homework, between 3 and 14 questions (average around 7) will be assigned each time. **Homework will be graded**, on the following basis: A few questions will be graded in detail, and the rest will be checked off in a more cursory manner.

**Style of homework.** Most homework problems in this class will require short answers; please show all your work for every question. Answers that do not show work will usually not receive full credit.

Occasionally, you will also be asked to answer word problems in complete sentences, using the correct units. In that case, you can do most of the problem in the usual manner, showing all of your work; the only difference is that at the end, you should have a sentence clearly stating the real-life version of the answer, e.g., “Kamal and Yael have to travel 237.23 miles to reach their destination.”

**Doing homework in teams.** Unless otherwise specified, in this class, you have the option of doing any homework in a team of 2 or 3, and submitting a single writeup for the team each time. If you want to do homework in a team, the following rules apply.

- Teams can have either 2 or 3 people.
- One writeup is turned in for the whole team, and is to be written up by **one person only**. This person should be clearly indicated at the beginning of the homework (e.g.: “Writeup: Jane Nguyen”), and the names of the rest of the team should also be written at the beginning of the homework.
- Everyone in the team gets the same grade for the homework.
- The person doing the writing must change each time. Teams that do not change writers on a regular basis will be disbanded.
- Anyone who does not contribute to the homework should not have their name listed at the beginning of the homework, and will receive a 0 for the homework. If there are extenuating circumstances, they must be cleared with me.

If you would like to be placed randomly in a team, please let me know, preferably by e-mail ([hsu@math.sjsu.edu](mailto:hsu@math.sjsu.edu)), and I’ll try to match you up appropriately.

**Late homework.** The basic rule is that **late homework will not be accepted**, unless 24 hours notice is given (for away games, etc.). However, to allow for personal problems (illness, etc.), your three lowest homework grades will be dropped.