

Emerging Scholars Program (ESP) workshop for Calculus I
Math 179 - Spring 2016
Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00 PM - 1:50 PM, Addams Hall 303

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- **Catalog Description:** Intensive math workshop for students enrolled in MATH 180. Students work together in groups to solve challenging problems.

- **Description:** This course complements MATH 180, but goes beyond the material and focuses on how to solve problems rather than on just getting the right solution. We will be working collaboratively in groups, completing worksheets based on course material.

Before each class, the day's worksheet will be available online on the course website (see above). I will hand out physical copies of the worksheet each class, but you may bring your own copy as well.

- **Grades:** With the help of your classmates, you will complete a worksheet each class period. The worksheets will not be collected, but you may be asked to present a problem to the whole class. The class is graded S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory). To receive a satisfactory grade, only attendance and participation is required. You are allowed UP TO 4 unexcused absences before you grade would result in an unsatisfactory.

Attendance will be kept track of by a sign-in sheet or a short problem to hand in during class. Please keep track of your own attendance as well.

- **MATH 180 discussion:** You should be signed up for a discussion section for MATH 180, where your TA will go over solutions to homework problems and administer quizzes. MATH 179 will help you master the material, and students in ESP workshops historically have done better in the associated course. However, this workshop is not a substitute for your discussion section.

- **The Mathematical Sciences Learning Center:** (aka MSLC or MLC) Located at SEO 430, this is an excellent place to get help with your homework and individual tutoring. It's staffed by math graduate students (including your TA) and some advanced undergraduates who are always happy to help you with the easiest or toughest questions you care to ask. Check your favorite tutor/TA's MSLC schedule at <http://www.math.uic.edu/mslc/?sid=schedule> later this week. Tutoring begins next week and continues through the end of finals week.

- **ESP tips:** ESP is all about talking to each other about math. It can be hard to do this without prior practice; here are some sample things to say that might help start the conversations:

- Why did you _____?
- I think what _____ is saying is...
- This makes sense because...
- Can someone please explain...?
- Did you mean _____?
- This is like/not like _____ because...

You don't have to LOVE math to be here, but you should follow the principle of LOVE:

- Listen as much as you speak. *I don't understand. Can you explain that to me?*
- Own your team's ideas. *Does everyone agree with this idea?*
- Value everyone's input. *What do YOU think about this?*
- Every minute counts. *Okay, let's get back to work.*