

Mathematics 1 - Math Lab
BBA9 & BITL2 - Fall 2020
Thursdays 15:50 - 17:30 or 17:40 - 19:20

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- **Description:** The Math Lab accompanies “Mathematics 1,” and is meant as a place to go deeper into the material and better understand the concepts presented in the main lecture. We will be working collaboratively in groups, completing worksheets based on course material.

Before each class, the day’s worksheet will be available on ORTUS on my personal 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. The worksheets will not be collected, but you may be asked to present a problem to the whole class. Of your final grade for “Mathematics 1,” 5% will come from the Math Lab, and your grade here is based on attendance. Excused absences do not count against your attendance. “Excused” means you have talked to me or emailed me before the start of class with a reason for missing the class.

- If you have at most three unexcused absences, you will get 5%.
- If you have four or more unexcused absences, you will get 0%.

Attendance will be kept track of by a checklist about 20 minutes into every class, so if you are more than 20 minutes late without having emailed me, your absence will count as “unexcused”. Please keep track of your own attendance as well.

- **Communication:** Talking math to each other is a key aspect of learning new mathematics, but is often forgotten or undeveloped. It can be hard to do this without prior practice; here are some sample things to say that might help start 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...