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## FS Math 3001 / 3002 Memorandum

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To: Foundational Mathematics 3001 / 3002 Instructors  
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Date: Monday, January 6, 2020  
Re: Course Information for FS Math 3001/3002 for Spring 2020

### Welcome to Spring 2020!

**Textbook:** We are currently using an OER (open educational resources) textbook, *Prealgebra Textbook*, created by College of the Redwoods, 2nd edition. The textbook is available for free pdf download here:

textbook: <http://msenux2.redwoods.edu/PreAlgText/Prealgebra.pdf>

solutions manual: <http://msenux2.redwoods.edu/PreAlgText/PrealgebraSolutions.pdf>

The text is bundled with MyOpenMath (MOM), a free online classroom management system. Login is at <https://www.myopenmath.com>.

### New to this semester:

- Because of the approaching HLC visit and accreditation, faculty syllabi will be under scrutiny. Instructors need to make certain that all mandatory components are included. The department will provide a template as a resource. Just as in past semesters, be sure to upload your syllabus to Brightspace.
- The MyOpenMath homework assignments will be cumulative, i.e. some of the questions will be practicing previously covered material.

### Important reminders:

- The Mathematics Department requires that all Math 3001/3002 instructors give a comprehensive midterm exam and a comprehensive final exam. All final exams must take place **on the last day of classes**. The final exam, using open-ended questions, will be provided by the department.
- It is departmental policy that students do not need graphing calculators for this course. Some instructors do not use a calculator at all. If instructors want to mandate calculators, a low cost scientific calculator, **TI-30X II S** is highly recommended.
- The textbook is over 600 pages long. We ask instructors not to mandate a physical book.
- The Mathematics Department takes academic freedom seriously. Instructors are free to use other textbooks, but we ask that the alternative book be also OER.



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- There are no mandatory grading weights for the course. However, it should be such that a student who consistently fails exams and quizzes, will also fail the class. An example: exams 65%, quizzes: 20%, homework: 10%, participation 5%.
- All resources (including the e-version of this memo) are available on the course coordination website, at <http://www.teaching.martahidegkuti.com/department/coordination/coordination.html> This is the same link as the one in Marta Hidegkuti's signature in e-mails.

If the links to the text do not work, local copies are available here:

textbook:

<http://www.teaching.martahidegkuti.com/department/coordination/sp20/FStext.pdf>

solutions manual:

<http://www.teaching.martahidegkuti.com/department/coordination/sp20/FSsolutions.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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Thank you and have a great semester!

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