

MGF1107-4004(12265) - Math for LS Majors 2

Hey Guys and Gals (and anyone that would prefer to be identified in another way)!

I am Jason Johnson and I'll be your instructor for the semester. We will primarily use [goformative \(Links to an external site.\)](#) in conjunction with zoom. You will log on to [www.goformative.com \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and make an account with your school email and use your name as it would appear on my school roster. You will then add the course using the course code: 7KBANP

Please email me at jasonchaos@ufl.edu and put MGF 1107 in the subject to guarantee a speedy reply!

There will already be some assignments awaiting you if you are a gator-go-getter!

Grading:

> 850 points A

> 730 points B

> 600 points C

< 600 points is not passing.

Point Breakdown (1000 total):

- **150 points Classwork**
 - There will be 17 classworks. I will count 15 for 10 points each. These are graded entirely on participation and completion.
- **200 points Quizzes**
 - There will be approximately 11 quizzes. I will count your best 8 at 25 points each. These are graded on accuracy, but the majority of them you will have the entire day to complete and they will cover the documentaries. You may take the quizzes as you watch the documentaries. I do not want to see copy/pasted answers or other tabs open on your browser when you take the quiz. You may have only the quiz and the video open. Answers should be your own.
- **100 points Level 1 Homework**
 - There will be at least 7 level 1 homework assignments. I will count your best 5 at 20 points each. These are graded on accuracy, but you are allowed to work in small groups and can obtain as much help as you need before the due date.
- **150 points Level 2 Homework**
 - There will be at least 7 level 2 homework assignments. I will count your best 5 at 30 points each. These are graded on accuracy, but you are allowed to work in small groups and can obtain as much help as you need before the due date.
- **150 points Level 3 (Mastery) Homework**
 - There will be at least 7 level 3 homework assignments. I will count your best 3 at 50 points each. These are significantly more difficult than level 1 or 2 homework

assignments. You must work on each individually and you only receive credit when the assignment is an A. In other words, you generally receive a 50 or a 0.

- **250 points Final Project**

- The final project involves writing a research paper and creating a visual aid that enhances that project in some way. One of your homework sets will give you some guidance on both of these. Each will be graded individually for 125 points.
- Your final project will consist of a visual aid and a paper. There is already a formative detailing the paper. Each paper will be unique and require research. I expect about 1500 – 2000 words (6 to 8 double spaced pages). Please proofread your assignment and ensure it consists of logical and cohesive sentences. If you hand in a single paragraph of sentence fragments that continues for 6 pages I will not read it- this has become a surprisingly common problem and I hope that it does not continue (post modernist literature is not a format for a research paper). You will need a complete bibliography at the end of your paper and it will need to cite at least 3 sources more authoritative than Wikipedia (another encyclopedia is NOT more authoritative). The visual aid will account for 100 of the 200 points and needs to reflect the topic in a meaningful way. I will show you acceptable examples of those in class.

We will generally meet for online class 3 days a week. The remaining two days will be given over to a collection of out of class assignments that will further your math education. These assignments will come with a quiz and will often be tied to what we are doing in class. Additionally, I will hold office hours during our normal class time via zoom to help anyone who is interested on level 1 and 2 home works.

Plagiarism will result in an automatic zero on any assignment. If I find recurrent plagiarism, then I will submit it to whatever the current incarnation of the honor council is and there will be serious consequences. In general, you may work together with your classmates on most assignments, but the work you submit **MUST BE YOUR OWN**. Keep in mind that I can see how long you spend on a homework assignment or whether you have copy and pasted material into the assignment. Additionally, I can run a plagiarism check on assignments if I have to and I will check your final papers for plagiarism.

+/-'s will be used at the instructors discretion. If, at the end of the semester, you have accrued 699 total points and you email me to ask for leniency in your letter grade, you will instead receive the current grade level you are at and a “minus” (So instead of a B+, this student would receive a B-). The time to discuss concerns about your grade is not the end of the semester. This is not to discourage from doing so at any point before then because that is appreciated and anticipated. If you think an assignment has a mistake in it, bring it to my attention. If you think your answer should have been accepted, bring it to my attention, but please do not haggle for every individual point and, moreover, don't do it on the last day of the semester.

I love teaching and I want students to walk away with something valuable from any class I have a hand in. Do your best in the class and maintain an open line of communication. In my experience, success in the class is primarily governed by attendance, effort, and a willingness to communicate appropriately. If you have complaints or if you are confused, schedule additional office hours.