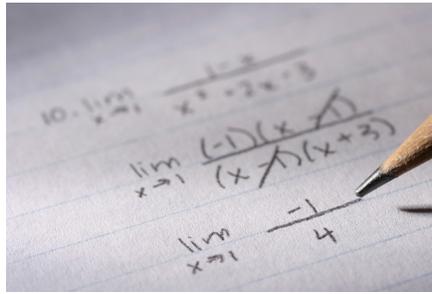


CALCULUS I & II  
HOMEWORK GUIDELINES AND TIPS – QSR Center  
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1. Check your syllabus! Make sure you do the correct questions for the correct homework assignment—otherwise, you receive no credit!
2. Write your name **legibly** at the top of your homework and the number of the assignment.
3. Staple your homework! Origami folding is fun, but not reliable—your papers could get lost and/or separated.
4. Make sure to put your homework in the correct folder by the time that it is due.
5. Show **all steps** of your work for **every** problem and clearly indicate what your final answer is. You will **not** receive full credit for writing only the final answer.
6. Make sure your homework is neat! Pencil is preferred, but if you use pen, **use white-out**; **DO NOT** cross out your mistakes. If you can't read it, how do you think others will?
7. **Accessorize!** Buy a large eraser and a calculator. The eraser will last you a whole semester's worth of assignments and exams plus make you BFFs with your fellow math students during office hours. Also, you don't need to buy a fancy graphing calculator—you cannot use a calculator on your exams and you should **only** be using it to **check over** your answers on your homework anyway—if you get a basic one that allows you to use trig functions you'll be fine.
8. Go to your professor's office hours if you have questions—he/she is the best source for information. If you cannot, stop in at the Q-Lit Center.
9. Take advantage of your **textbook!** There are rule sheets and basic equation lists located in the front and back of your book. In addition, if you are stumped on a problem, go over that chapter—there will mostly be a hint for how to solve it by looking at the **example problems**.
10. As long as your professor says so, you **may** collaborate with others on your homework—get together, have a math party and live it up—however, you **cannot** copy someone else's work or provide other students with answers.
11. After you get a homework or exam back, **go over the incorrect questions**. If you are unsure as to why a question is wrong, ask your professor. It is best to find out the correct answer while *the material is still fresh in your mind*. Then, in a different colored pen, write down the correct method. When you study for your test you will be able to understand the problem a lot easier *and* the day before the exam you won't have to stand in the epically long line at office hours.