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Welcome to my class.

Please go to my website (<http://www.profgvk.weebly.com>) where you will find information about me, my teaching philosophy, my expectations, course logistics, the Syllabus, Sample Homework, References, and, of course, all about my dog!

The course has prerequisites. Consequently, I will assume your familiarity with these concepts and build upon it to further develop your math skills. Since we have to cover a lot of material, the pace will be brisk. Therefore, timely attendance is of paramount importance. I recommend that you come prepared and bring to class the book; because I will frequently ask you to do problems from it.

I use powerpoint with my lectures to maximize the class time, and to spare you the agony of trying to decipher my handwriting, thus making it possible for a step-by-step solution of approximately 410 problems. However, this calls for diligent note-taking on your part. And depending on your learning skills and math background, you may need more than the usual two-hours-per-session for study and homework.

Physical Sciences, Math and Engineering cannot be mastered by passive-learning or intuition. They require active engagement, concentrated study-time, and practice, practice, practice! If you breeze through the problems, you are in the wrong problems or in the wrong course. Understanding the material is paramount. So, if you need help, don't just sit there eagerly awaiting for a gift from heaven. Do something constructive—ask questions, collaborate with a fellow classmate, or take advantage of the free tutoring at the Student Success Center (SSC) in S43.

You will need to purchase a *WebAssign* account for homework. You can find instructions on how to get it in my website under the *SYLLABI* tab (*I'll let you know when they will be posted*).

It is a State requirement to be present the first day of class, otherwise you may be dropped. Therefore, take the attached *Quiz*¹, *enter your answers on the attached answer sheet (a,b,c,...), print it (the answer sheet only), and bring it to class*. It will serve as proof of attendance—it's worth 1 out-of-5 bonus points!

I do not have personal secretarial support. Therefore, it may take 24-48 hours for a phone or an email response. I recommend arranging with a classmate for notes and other information if you are absent. Also, it is outside my purview to give you permission to take the final at a date or time other than the one posted at the De Anza website.

I look forward to meet you in class and you should be looking forward to twelve weeks of sheer delight, and hard work! G.V.K

¹ Students from my Math 41 or 42 may not take the Quiz—they will get the bonus point for being successful!