Math 105 – Math for Liberal Studies  

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**Grading Areas:**

1. **Participation** – 22%. During class, we will do group activities, so it is vital that you contribute to your group. Your “participation score” starts at 100, you can miss two classes without penalty, and after your second absence each additional absence reduces your participation score by 15 points.

2. **Tests** – 66%. We will have three tests: Feb 15, Mar 28, and during finals week. Each test contributes 22% towards your course grade.

3. **Research Project** – 12%. Later in the semester I will ask you to work together in pairs to research a topic. On April 4 we will spend the class period doing poster presentations. Grading rubric and more details will be given later.

**Extra Credit:** Each activity will add 1 point to a test grade. Maximum 10 extra credit points.

- Attend a department “Thursday Seminar” and submit a good write-up (1 page max).
- Give me an official submission (shows effort) to the “Problem of the Week” before it’s due.
- Write up a “Math in the Media” report. Details are on my web site. Maximum 1 per week.

I will not accept extra credit after the last day of class.

**Your Course Grade:** Each of the three areas above is graded out of 100 points. Let $P = $ your participation grade, and let $T = $ average of your three tests (including extra credit points), and let $RP = $ your research project grade. Your grade for the course is calculated as $0.22P + 0.66T + 0.12RP$.

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**Using cell phones** during class is extremely rude. I die a little inside each time I see you text in class.

**Accommodations for Learning Disabled Students.** Students who have registered with the Office of Disability and desire instructional accommodations should notify me.