Welcome to Calculus 1! I hope you’re excited for this coming term. Because of the summer term operating on a different schedule than the normal fall or spring semesters, we will have to adjust some of the material and the way it is presented.

Some necessary details which should all be very obvious if you are here:

Class Meetings: MTWTh, 2:10 - 4:15 p.m.
Room: 125, 7 East 12th St.

Part of the reason I list that is for my own benefit. Note we will NOT be meeting during the Fourth of July. I believe we all received an email from the university about that. Please enjoy it responsibly as the following day we will be discussing continuity, a topic you won’t want to miss. In the following paragraphs I list some of the policies of my class:

Homework and Quizzes: Homework will be assigned in various forms. First you will need to become familiar with WebAssign, which is an online homework format. Find directions for using this here, https://sites.google.com/a/nyu.edu/math-ua-121-calculus-i-spring-12/. In addition, there may be days when I assign homework problems of my own instead of WebAssign to supplement the problems you normally see with those of a different variety.

Homework quizzes will be given on Thursdays of weeks without exams. They will not count as much as exams in your final grade and they will be fairly easy and straightforward featuring either problems from your homework or slight variations. This is to provide a greater incentive for you to complete your homework.

Exams: There will be two exams which comprise the majority of your score in this class. The tentative date for the midterm is Monday the 23rd of July, while the final will take place on the last day of class (August 9th). If any will announce any changes to this in class.

Attendance: Speaking of missing classes, attendance will have an important place in the class. If you are able to achieve perfect scores on the quizzes and tests without attending the majority of the lectures, then you will get an A. However if you are conspicuously absent, it is likely that I will grade your tests and quizzes with a much more careful eye. Thus it is suggested that you attend every lecture possible, barring occasions of illness, injury, or family emergency. Also if you have a good attendance record and are active in class participation, I will consider these factors favorably when assigning final grades. Note that if you miss class on the day of a quiz or a test, you will not be allowed to take it late without a reasonable excuse (illness, doctor’s appointment with written note, or family emergency).
Participation and Effort: More than anything, I would like this class to be an outspoken one where students can ask questions and give responses freely during each class session. I will interpret your participation as interest in the subject. Simply put, if two distinct students receive the same numerical scores on their tests and quizzes, though one student was active in participation and sought help in and out of class while the other flew under the radar, be certain that I will look more favorably on the first student when assigning final grades.

Cheating and Academic Dishonesty: I will not tolerate any form of cheating in this class. If you are caught cheating expect the most draconian punishment to be levied; that is failing grade on the test, failing grade in the class and report to higher authorities. Because I don’t expect to have to deal with this, we will not go into details. When working on homework, it is fine to work with others as long as you are working together on each and every problem (not one person does problem 1, another does problem 2). Quizzes and tests are obviously solo work. If you have any doubts about the extent to which communal work is allowed, ask me first.

Grading: The breakdown for your grades is as follows:
- WebAssign - 10%
- Quizzes - 20%
- Midterm - 35%
- Final - 35%