MT 342
Policies on Assignments

1. Assignments are due at the beginning of class, on the day specified.

2. In order to receive full credit, problem solutions must be complete, and must be written in good mathematical style. Remember that a complete problem solution includes a statement of the problem.

3. I will gladly provide hints for any of the homework problems, provided you seek help in a timely fashion. I will generally not provide hints in the morning of the day when an assignment is due.

4. If you wish, you may work on the assignments in groups of two or three students. If you choose to work in a group, you must observe the following guidelines:

   ‣ Each group is to work as a group on each assignment. All group members should be involved in working on each problem in the assignment. (You will learn far less—and this will be reflected in your course grade—if you divide the assignments into several parts to be done individually.)

   ‣ When you come for help, there must be at least two of your group members present.

   ‣ Individuals or groups may not share information with other groups or with other students who have chosen to work alone.

   ‣ Each group will turn in only one copy of the assignment, and each group member will receive the same credit for the assignment.

   ‣ Each group is responsible for assuring that all group members understand every problem solution in every assignment.

   ‣ Each assignment is to be written up by one group member (the “primary writer”). Other group members may be—and are encouraged to be—present while the assignment is written up, but the primary writer should do all of the actual writing for the entire assignment. Take turns being the primary writer, so that all group members get approximately the same amount of experience in this role.

   ‣ You may not divide the writing duties for an assignment among several group members.

   ‣ Each assignment should include a cover sheet (available on the course Blackboard site) indicating the primary writer of the assignment, and containing the signatures of all group members. Students who did not participate in the group problem solutions are not permitted to sign the cover sheet.
I recommend that each homework group also act as a study group to prepare for tests. It will probably be most effective if you agree to meet as a group after some individual study.

5. If you choose to work independently, you may not seek help from other students or groups.