

## Quizzes – Math 121

**YOU CHOOSE WHETHER QUIZZES WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR FINAL GRADE IN THE CLASS!**

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Predictable Quizzes (PQs) are short, daily quizzes, done without notes or help from others. PQs help you

- ➔ practice writing answers to problems in a testing situation
- ➔ get daily feedback on your progress and effectiveness of your study skills
- ➔ see how I grade
- ➔ if necessary, practice calming yourself if tests make you anxious
- ➔ come to class on time.

How often? Each day that we don't have an exam

How long? 5 minutes, (1-5 questions)

How much? 15 points each (the total is equivalent to ~3 exams) if you choose Option A -OR-  
√ and 0 points each if you choose Option B.

Over what? The lesson before last, homework typically due today. See calendar.

When? Available 5 minutes before class starts, due 5 minutes after class begins.

- Before beginning the PQ, take out your pencil, eraser, calculator, and grade record sheet.
- Put everything else away, including cell phones. All math papers must be hidden from view.
- If you arrive to class late, you will not get extra time.
- PQs turned in after we have done any of the problems on the board will earn 0%.
- If you write a question on your PQ, I'll write an answer.
- Some days, the PQ will also ask your current grade in the class. Write the fraction of your earned points to total possible points, percent, and letter. I deduct one point if your grade is missing, quite wrong, or incomplete.
- Some PQs may include a required question on your study skills or college experience. I will take off points if you do not answer these.
- Some PQs may include an optional question (OQ) about your personal tastes, activities, family, etc. No points are deducted if you do not to answer these, which help me know you better.

The following are true for both Option A and Option B:

All students will take the first two PQs, for a grade to see how it's done.

You must write your name on the PQ and turn it in during the PQ time at the start of every class.

The PQ covers the lesson two classes ago (not including exam days). If two or more lessons cover the same section, homework will not be due until the last day, but there will be a PQ for each lesson day.

Exams are open-response (show your work) and graded with partial credit.

The total number of points needed to complete the class is the same.

Attendance will be taken by returning PQs at the beginning of class.

Online homework is due nearly every class.

There is a take-home, 50-point Extra Credit PQ (ECPQ) due on the last day of class.

Four Honors assignments will be extra credit.

**“Which Quiz Option Should I Choose?”**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read each column carefully and check the box indicating Option A or Option B at the bottom of the page.

<b>Option A (PQs count!)</b>	<b>Option B (PQs don't count!)</b>
Each PQ will count 15 points, total ~360 points, or ~16% of the grade in the class.	First two PQs count 15 points each, thereafter each PQ will count 0 points (marked as $\sqrt{}$ ), <~1% of the grade in the class.
Each Exam will count <u>200 points</u> , for a total of 800 points, or ~36% of the final grade. Exams count less than Option B.	Each Exam will count <u>290 points</u> , for a total of 1680 points, or ~52% of the final grade. Exams count more than Option A.
The PQ average will replace the lowest of the regular exam scores, if this benefits you.  (Take PQ average as a percent and multiply by 200 points to get replacement grade.)  In the past, ~90% of students have benefited from this substitution.	There is no PQ average to substitute for a low exam score. All exams will count.  If you are absent on exam day, you will earn 0/290 for that exam.  In the past, most students who chose option B dropped or failed.
You get daily feedback, and see how I grade exams.	You will not see how I grade until you take an exam or come to office hours.
You may not change from Option A to Option B after the first exam.	You may not change from Option B to Option A.
The ECPQ will be included in the PQ average, which will be substituted for your lowest exam, if this benefits you.	The ECPQ will be included in your points for the class, but will not affect your lowest exam.
The extra credit Honors assignments will substitute for your lowest PQ scores and raise your PQ average, which is then substituted for your lowest exam.	The extra credit Honors assignments will provide extra credit, but will not affect your lowest exam score.
If you cheat on a PQ, you will receive 0/15 for that PQ.	If you assist someone else to cheat on a PQ, you will have 15 points deducted from your next exam grade.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option A:</b> <b>I choose to take PQs for a grade.</b>  Good if: You're new to college. You don't take exams well. You might miss class on exam day. You have math or test anxiety.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option B:</b> <b>I choose to turn in PQs that are not graded.</b>  Good if: You do well on college exams. High-stakes tests don't bother you. You study effectively for exams.