

Discussion Group Guidelines

Format

Discussion Groups are a time to come together in a small group setting and discuss the topics learned the previous week during class. **This is not tutoring.** If you need help with specific topics or homework problems you should attend your instructors office hours or tutoring, either in the math department or the AEC. **While** the specific assignments may change each week, you can expect a similar format for each meeting:

- 10-15min of reflection and/or discussion activities
- 35-40min of assisted group work to complete a graded assignment

Expectations

- Students will show up **on time**. Since many of the activities are based on group work, being late will be a disadvantage not only to yourself but your group as well.
- Students will be **prepared** for each meeting in the sense that they have reviewed the previous week's material and attempted all of the assigned homework problems. Since each Discussion Group will cover the material learned the previous week, student have had sufficient time to attend office hours and/or tutoring to help answer any major questions based on the current topics.
- Students will be **active participants**. Most of the assignments we will do during Discussion Groups will be completed in groups. Each member is expected to participate. This means **assisting other members** of your group, but also **speaking up for yourself** when you are confused or need clarification. When assignments are completed, all members of the group will staple their work together. It is expected that all answers within the group will be the same and include sufficient work. If there are discrepancies with a groups work, all members will receive the lowest score graded for that group.

Grading

Each week you will have the opportunity to earn 8pts towards your Discussion Group grade. This gives some room for “extra” points towards the maximum grade of 75pts. Assignments will be graded by assessing a combination of **completion** and **accuracy**.

Points	8	7-6	5-4	3	0
Criteria	All problems are seriously attempted. Sufficient supporting work is shown. Little to no errors.	All problems are seriously attempted. Sufficient supporting work is shown. May contain several small errors that do not impact overall understanding.	All problems are seriously attempted. Sufficient supporting work is shown. Contains errors that show a confusion or misunderstanding of a concept.	All problems are seriously attempted. Sufficient supporting work is shown. Contains errors that show a lack of understanding.	Problems are missing or incomplete. No supporting work is shown.

Note that a student will earn a minimum of 3pts if all problems have been seriously attempted with supporting work.