Welcome to Math 153. The following is the course information. Please read it carefully.

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**Goal:** To help you become an expert in Euclidean geometry, so that you can teach it with confidence and pleasure.

You are strongly encouraged to participate in the classroom discussion. Always feel free to ask questions during class and office hours of your instructor and TA.

**Please address all administrative questions regarding homework to your TA.**

**Texts:** Notes and problem sets to be distributed by the instructors.

**Homework:** Homework will be collected weekly at the start of the discussion session. Homework will not be accepted at any other time. Homework assigned in week \( n \), will be turned in in week \( n+1 \) (\( n=1, 2, \ldots, 8 \)). Homework and midterm exams will be returned in the discussion sections.

**Exams and Grading:**

a. No notes of any kind will be available during the examinations.

b. No calculators, computers, or cellphones will be allowed during the examinations.

c. Midterm exams will be returned in the discussion sections. If you believe there might be an error in the grading and wish to have your exam regraded, you must observe the following rules:

   i. Return your exam immediately to your TA. Regrade requests will not be considered once the quiz or exam leaves the room.

   ii. If you disagree with the TA's answer to your regrade request, you may ask for the instructor to review it. In order to do this, you must return your exam immediately to your TA and, ask that they forward your exam to the instructor.

   Instructor review requests will not be considered once the exam leaves the room.

d. Retrieve your exam during discussion section or arrange to pick it up from your TA within one week after it was made available for pickup (i.e., returned) in section. In order to be considered, regrade requests must be submitted within one week after being returned in section.

e. It is your responsibility to ensure that you do not have a schedule conflict involving the final examination; you should not enroll in this class if you cannot take the final examination at its scheduled time.

f. There will be no makeup exams (midterms or final) and no alternatives to the following grading system.

g. Your cumulative average will be the best of the following three weighted averages:

   - 5% perfect attendance, 15% Homework, 20% Midterm 1, 20% Midterm 2, 40% Final
   - 5% perfect attendance, 15% Homework, 20% Best Midterm, 60% Final
h. Your course grade will be determined by your cumulative average at the end of the term and will be based on the following scale:

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This scale might be adjusted based on the class's performance.

i. You must pass the final exam to pass the course.

j. Midterm 1: Tuesday, April 29; Midterm 2: Tuesday, May 27. Please consult the University Calendar for the date and time of the final exam.

Please consult with this syllabus before asking questions regarding the course rules.