

## MATH 103 - Study Groups

- **Why use groups?**

- Learning is done best in a social environment.
- Full comprehension is only assured when you can explain an idea or solution to someone else.
- More points of view *usually* result in a more complete solution.
- A group provides you with more resources to get help.
- Sometimes students are more comfortable asking a peer for assistance.
- If the whole group is unclear you can come by my office together.
- Gives instructor opportunity to clarify misunderstandings.
- In the “real world” we all end up working with others.

- **I encourage group members to:**

- Exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
- Study together outside of class.
- Make group appointments as needed.

**\$#!** *Although you are encouraged to study in groups, homework assignments are submitted individually and must reflect the individual's efforts.*

## MATH 103 – In-Class Groups

- **Formed to tackle in-class activities:**

- Consists of two or three people
- Make sure all people understood classroom example.
- Opportunity to explain out loud how problem is solved.
- Submit *one well-written solution* for your group.
- *Each member must write up part of the solution (and sign the paper).*
- Work must be shown and a complete explanation given for 100% credit.

- **Groups may be formed:**

- by student choice
- by instructor choice
- randomly

- **Evaluation of group activities:**

- Grade will take into account effort, organization, correctness and completeness, roughly as follows:

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| ✓ <sup>+</sup> | (100% credit) | all parts correct with complete and well-written explanations |
| ✓              | (90% credit)  | all parts completed, most correct, with explanation           |
| ✓ <sup>-</sup> | (80% credit)  | all parts completed, with at least some explanation           |
- There will be approximately 30 in-class activities. If you are in attendance on all of these days then 4 grades will be counted as extra credit. (Those with perfect attendance and perfect papers can earn a maximum of 110% credit on in-class activities.)