Learning contract for Math 2020, Spring 2005

I (the student) _____, will

- ☐ • **Attend** every class.

If I can not attend class I will email an excuse, and obtain notes for the class from the web, or from fellow students.

- ☐ • Provide **notes** for at least one class, that will be scanned in and put on the course web page.

(If your writing is very bad you can type this up after class instead.)

- ☐ • Keep a **portfolio** of work for the course, including all class notes, handouts, homework, quizzes and tests.

This should be neat enough to show to the professor if requested.

- ☐ • Always work through in advance any material suggested as **preparation** for a lecture.
- ☐ • Start **homework** at least four days before it is due, and always hand in homework **on time**.
- ☐ • After homework, quizzes and tests are returned, I will make sure I **understand** any corrections.

If I can not understand, I will come to **office hours** for help.

- ☐ • Provide **feedback** to the lecturer.

This means that at least once in the semester, I will hand in a note, or send an email to verrill@math.lsu.edu, commenting on the class, e.g., addressing the following issues:

Did material given in advance help to prepare for the class? Was the class well presented? Challenging? Too difficult? Boring? Were handouts useful? Too long? too short? Was the quiz/homework reasonable? Was there enough opportunity for discussion or asking questions?	Please include the date of the class in your comment.

Assessment/grading

Grading will be based on 1) homework, 2) quizzes, 3) exam or project. Grades for each will be A, B, C, D or F.

Homework will be given every Tuesday, and collected 1 week later.

Quizzes will be given most Thursdays.

Exams: There will be one mid term and one final exam. These will be take home exams, with about a week allowed for completion. The exam will be followed by a 30 minute "consultation" with the professor, to make sure the work is your own, and test orally that you have understood the work.

Grading of exams: Each exam will consist of 6 questions.

A is awarded for answering all questions correctly.

B is awarded for answering at least 4 questions correctly.

C is awarded for answering at least 3 questions correctly.

D is awarded for answering at least 1 question correctly.

No points will be given for partial answers, but minor mistakes will be allowed.

Project: Instead of an exam, a student can work on a project. Students opting to do a project will be given a choice of possible topics. For each topic there will be a list of questions to answer as part of the project. Projects must be completed within two weeks of being given. You will have an opportunity to present your work to the rest of the class, and/or to put your work on the course web page.

A project specification will contain a list of 6 issues to be addressed, and so will be graded in the same way as for an exam. The professor reserves the right to not allow a student to work on a project if the student has low grades on homework and quizzes.

A, B, C, or **D** contract: (cross out the letters and columns which do not apply)

	for an	A	B	C	D	final grade for the course,
I will hand in all homeworks, and achieve at least a		B	C	D	F	average on homework
I will attempt at least 10 quizzes, and achieve at least a		B	C	D	F	average on quizzes
on the mid-term and final exams (or project), I will achieve at least an		A	B	C	D	average on exams

(Average means rounded up average.)

Signature of student, agreeing to all of the above: _____

I (the professor) Helena Verrill , will

Put class material (and handouts, and scans of notes) online after each lecture (on the same day).
Provide homework and quizzes every week.
Grade quizzes by the next lecture and homework and tests within one week.
Provide opportunities for class discussions.
Help students create reviews/summaries of topics we cover.
Make sure to be in my office in office hours, and available for other times by appointment.
Honor the above grading scheme, and grade fairly.
Act on feedback from students.

Signature of professor, agreeing to all of the above: _____