

## Matter & Minerals Program (2005/06) & Beginning Calculus Students

Dear Student,

You are receiving this letter either because you are registered in the Matter & Minerals program or because you are registered in Beginning Calculus. We are delighted that you have chosen to study with us!

We want to alert you to the following, as you plan your academic year.

1. **All our textbooks/supplies are required on the first day of class.** These textbooks are quite expensive, but we will use them all year. Textbook costs will be either minimal or zero in the winter and spring quarters. You may purchase them on-line as long as you use the correct ISBN number.
2. **The best preparation for this class is to review your pre-calculus skills during the summer.** No experience in the sciences (chemistry, geology, physics, or biology) is required. We ask that you come prepared to work hard and learn.
3. **We will require lab coats and goggles in labs.** If you can purchase these outside the college for a cheaper price, get them over the summer break. TESC bookstore will sell them also.
4. **There is a specific lab notebook for chemistry, available through the TESC bookstore.** Do not purchase any other lab notebook for the chemistry lab.
5. **We plan to teach classes during Thanksgiving week, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,** even though the college calendar has this entire week as a holiday. This will result in our class finishing one week prior to the rest of the college. This means that by working three days during Thanksgiving week, you will get one additional week for the winter break (not a bad deal!). Please make your travel plans accordingly. More information on this will be available on the first day of class.
6. **Continue to check our** program website over the summer break [<http://academic.evergreen.edu/curricular/mandm05/>]. The booklist, first meeting time, schedule and other information will be updated as soon as they become available.

Have a restful summer and come ready on the first day of class to get excited about learning science. We are delighted that will be sharing a wonderful learning experience with us. See you in the fall!

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