

MSCS Mess

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Come Work for MSCS!

The MSCS department has lots of jobs for those of you with work-study awards, and those without. You can be a grader, a tutor in the math & stats help sessions (aka "clinics"), a teaching assistant, a cluster manager, and more. Most jobs are taken for this semester, but we'd like to line up as many of you as possible for next fall. Stop by Patty Martinez's office in RMS 307 for an application before you miss your chance and the only job left is one you don't want.

Kryptos 2015

Kryptos is a contest centered around the breaking, or cryptanalysis, of ciphers (secret writing). Each challenge presents contestants with a brief scenario together with some ciphertext (encoded message). The goal is to discover the original English plaintext message!

Any and all undergraduate students may compete as an individual or as part of a team with no more than two other students. Each individual or team must have a faculty sponsor in order to register. The contest runs April 16-20, with contestants working and submitting answers remotely. For more information, visit <http://www.cwu.edu/math/kryptos/>.

Math & Music Summer Online Course

Do you have a burning passion for both Math and Music, but don't know how to combine them? Whether you do or you don't, UW-Eau Claire's summer class: Math 307, Mathematics and Music, might be the class for you!

The course applies basic mathematics to understanding, appreciating and creating music. It will be

offered online from May 26 - July 6. Students need not be in Eau Claire to take it, and can work at their own pace, even finishing early.

For more information, visit <http://people.uwec.edu/walkerjs/MandM/>

and for Your Reading Pleasure...

a Math Joke

A student went away to Mexico for Spring Break, where he met a beautiful woman. Over the course of a couple days, they fell madly in love and decided to spend the second half of the week together. The student was thrilled, but slightly put off when the woman spent half of each day working on math problems. Afraid of playing second fiddle to her apparent love for mathematics, he finally confronted her:

"Do you love math more than me?"

"Of course not, dear - I love you much more!" she replied.

The student was happy, but skeptical, so he challenged her: "Then prove it!"

The woman pondered a bit, chewing her pencil, and then responded, "Ok... Let epsilon be greater than zero..."



Safe Travels and have a Good Break!

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