

Math 245 Policy Information

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Logistics

Class Times: Section 01 MWF 10:10-11:00, Roop 212; Section 02 MWF 11:15-12:05, Roop 212.

Office hours: MWF 9:00-10:00 and 2:30-3:30 or by appointment, Roop 123.

Textbook: *Extending the Frontiers of Mathematics*, Edward B. Burger.

Exams: During class time on Monday 9/21 and Monday 10/26.

Final Exam: Monday 12/7, 10:30-12:30 am (the official exam time for Section 02).

Homework

Your homework now and for the entire semester is to do as many of the problems in the textbook as possible. We will start with Modules 1–9 and then decide where to go from there.

Group Work

In Module 1 you will each work individually. For the remainder of the class you will be working with a partner. Your only allowable resources will be your partner, other classmates, your book, and Laura. No other texts, people, or resources, including teh interwebs, are permitted.

Class Presentations

Most of each class period will consist of students doing problems at the board. Students will be selected semi-randomly for presentations. Your quantity of *quality* class presentations will be a significant part of your grade.

L^AT_EX Writeups

All homework problems must be submitted in L^AT_EX. Every student must hand in as many writeups as possible from Module 1. For later modules, after each class presentation the partner of the presenter must write up the problem in L^AT_EX, due at the start of the next class. Late writeups handed in n class days late will be accepted at $\frac{1}{2^n}$ credit, rounded down to the nearest integer.

Homework Recaps

At the start of each class we will review the writeups handed in that day. This means that the entire class will see and critique your writeups. Writeups from Module 1 will be reviewed anonymously, but the authors of writeups from future modules will obviously be known.

Absences

It is up to you to work out problems caused by absences with your partner. If you have an emergency that causes you to miss an exam, you should contact me immediately.

Honor Code

I take the honor code very seriously. Any instances of suspected cheating or academic dishonesty will be referred to the JMU Honor Board for investigation.

Extra Credit

You can earn extra credit by attending and then giving typed 1-page writeups for up to two Mathematics Department Colloquium talks (schedule at www.math.jmu.edu/~brownet/colloquia), and by attending the SUMS Conference on Saturday, October 3 (schedule at www.math.jmu.edu/SUMS).