

Math 353 Policy Information

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Class Times

MWF 1:25–2:15, Roop 212.

Office Hours

MTuWF 3:30–4:30 or by appointment, in Roop 123. I am not available on Thursdays.

Textbook

Pearls in Graph Theory, Hartsfield and Ringel, published by Dover.

Homework

Your homework now and for the entire semester is to do as many of the problems in the textbook as possible. At the end of each chapter I will collect all of your homework in one big packet and see how you are doing.

Class Presentations

Most of each class period will consist of students doing problems at the board. Students will be selected both randomly and at my whim to present problems, based on those problems you tell me you are ready to present. Quality and quantity of class presentations will be a significant part of your grade.

Exams

There will be one midterm exam and one final exam.

Absences

If you miss class it is your responsibility to find out about material and/or announcements from a classmate. I do not give make-up exams or accept late assignments. If you have an emergency that causes you to miss an exam or assignment, you should contact me immediately. My sympathy with your plight will be determined by how quickly you contact me.

Honor Code

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

Getting Help

I recommend working as much as possible with other people when doing homework. Discussing mathematics out loud will significantly increase your understanding. Rooms 103 and 119 in Roop Hall are good places to meet regularly with classmates and work out problems or practice presentations. I also encourage you to ask me questions by instant message or email at any time, and/or to see me in my office.