

MATH 321 - Abstract Algebra Spring 2018

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Text: *Contemporary Abstract Algebra*, ninth edition by Joseph A. Gallian, CENGAGE Learning, 2017. We will cover most of Chapters 0-15 in the text. We will introduce and study the properties of two types of algebraic structures, groups and rings, and their associated homomorphisms. Additional resources related to the textbook can be found at <http://www.d.umn.edu/~jgallian/>.

Homework: Weekly problem sets will be assigned. You are expected to solve all the assigned problems, although only some of these problems will be handed in and graded. You are encouraged to discuss the assigned problems with your classmates, but you will have to write your solutions individually.

Class Tests: There will be two class tests given during class time. There is a tentative schedule for tests below. You are responsible for keeping up with all information announced in the classroom and on Blackboard. There will be no makeup tests.

Test dates:

Test 1 Wednesday, February 28

Test 2 Wednesday, April 11

Final Exam: The final exam will be on Wednesday, May 9 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. It will be a cumulative exam. The final exam is mandatory regardless of your class standing prior to that. You may replace your lowest test grade with your final exam percentage. In order for this to happen you must write a note above your name on your final exam.

Grading: Each of the class tests counts for 25%, the graded homework and class participation for 20%, and the final exam for 30%.

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