

# Math 366, Section 1, MWF 10:00, Room E205

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**Textbook:** Nicodemi *et.al.*, *Abstract Algebra*, Prentice Hall.

We probably won't be sticking much to the textbook and you can use any edition. If you trust your notes you even can do without a textbook.

## Exams

There will be two midterms: 9/30 and 11/4 at the usually class time, as well as a final on Dec 17, at 11.20am. Let me know soon if there are collisions with exams in other courses.

## Grades

will be based on homework (30%), midterms (20% each) and final (30%). (This implies in particular, that it will be extremely hard to get a good grade if homework is not submitted regularly!) Grades will be given on a linear scale with about 50% corresponding to D and 90% to A.

I expect to see you regularly in class and to regularly hand in solutions to the homework problems.

For privacy reasons the university does not permit open posting of grade information. Because of this, grades for the final and overall grades will be posted in RamCT. (RamCT will only be used for posting grades. Discussion or email tools in RamCT will not be used.)

## Homework

Homework will be handed out every monday in the lecture, and is due at the start of the lecture of the wednesday of the following week. Late homework will be accepted only if the delay is due to reasons beyond your control.

Because of time restrictions, only to some of the problems can be treated in class, but I'm happy to go through any problems during office hours.

## Computer use

Some problems will involve calculations that would be tedious to do by hand or with a simple pocket calculator. For these we will be using the computer algebra system GAP.

This program is installed on the PCs in the Mathematics lab. If you want to install it on your home PC (Linux/Windows/Mac) you can either download the program from the link on the course webpage. (You won't be examined about the use of this program.)

More about this program later.

I wish you success with this course and all the best for the coming semester.