

Math 3360 - Foundations of Algebra I - Summer I, 2004

Syllabus

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Office hours: T/Th 3:30-4:30 p.m. and by appointments.

Text: Modern Algebra, an introduction, by John Durbin.

Exams: Two in-class exams on June 11 and June 25 and a Final exam on July 2.

Writing assignments: There will be two writing assignments. One is due on June 4 and the other on June 18. The first assignment is worth 20 points and the second is worth 30 points. If your grade on either assignment is less than 70% you will be given another opportunity to rewrite it. The grade after a second attempt will be final.

Homework: Homework will be assigned daily but not collected, however exam problems may be taken from your assignments.

Attendance: This is not a course by correspondence and you are expected to attend every day. If you come only for one of the two hours of class, it will be counted as a full absence. There will be four free absences (excused or not). Points will be lost beyond those four (excused or not), see **Grades** below.

Grades: There are 250 possible points. Each exam in class is worth 50 points, the final is worth 70 points and the projects 50 points. There will be 30 points for attendance. The attendance points will be assigned as follows: if you have 4 absences or less, you will receive the full 30 points of class participation credit, plus three bonus points for each class fewer than 4 missed (thus you can earn up to 12 bonus points for superior class participation).

Students with Disabilities: If you have a disability that may interfere with the demonstration of your abilities, please contact me as soon as possible to arrange accommodations necessary to ensure your full participation in the course.

Topics to be covered: A tentative list of the topics that are expected to be covered will be available online and updated periodically.