

MATH 311W.002 Concepts of Discrete Mathematics Spring 2022

Class meets: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. in 111 Tyson Building

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Course description: The goal of this course is to introduce the students to number theory, mathematical logic, proof techniques, elementary set theory, and group theory. Mathematical exposition will be emphasized, and the students will learn to understand and write proofs.

Prerequisite: Math 141.

Text: *Numbers, Groups and Codes* by J. F. Humphreys and M. Y. Prest, 2nd edition. You can access it at <https://doi-org.ezaccess.libraries.psu.edu/10.1017/CB09780511812187>

We will cover most of the material in Chapters 1-4 and parts of Chapter 5.

I encourage you to read the book.

Canvas: The course materials, including the syllabus, daily schedule, homework assignments, announcements, and exam study guides will be posted on *Canvas*.

Homework will be assigned on Fridays and collected on Thursdays via Canvas.

No late homework will be accepted. The lowest two homework scores will be dropped.

Solutions of homework problems must be neatly and clearly written or typed in complete sentences. The solutions must be logically structured, and all steps must be justified. You may use statements proved in class and results of previous homework assignments. You may discuss general approaches to a problem with me and with other students, but you must write solutions on your own.

You may not copy solutions from any source. Additionally, I will assign practice problems that will not be collected. I strongly recommend doing all suggested exercises as this will help with understanding the course material and with exam preparation.

Exams: There will be two midterm exams and a two-hour cumulative final exam, all of them in person. The midterms will take place in class on *Monday, February 21*, and on *Monday, April 4*. The final exam will be scheduled by the university during the final exam week, May 2-6.

All students must plan to take exams at the scheduled times. If you are unable to attend a midterm exam you should notify me promptly. If there is a compelling reason for absence, such as illness or a family emergency, your score will be replaced by the final exam score. Otherwise, the score for the missed test will be zero.

Team worksheets: A number of times during the semester, the students will work on problems and questions in teams. Some of these worksheets will be collected and graded.

Grading Policy: The final score and letter grade will be calculated as follows:

Homework:	40 %	A	93 - 100 %	B-	80 - 82.9 %
Each Midterm:	12 %	A-	90 - 92.9 %	C+	75 - 79.9 %
Final Exam:	24 %	B+	87 - 89.9 %	C	70 - 74.9 %
Team Worksheets:	12 %	B	83 - 86.9 %	D	60 - 69.9 %

Attendance: You are expected to attend every class. If you have to miss a class, please visit Canvas to find out what was covered and to check for announcements. You will need to study the book or class notes to learn the material covered that day.

Please notify me if you have to miss more than one class.

Mask guidance: Penn State University requires everyone to wear a face mask in all university buildings, including classrooms, regardless of vaccination status. *All students must wear a mask appropriately (i.e., covering both mouth and nose) while they are indoors on campus.* This is to protect your health and safety as well as the health and safety of your classmates, instructor, and the university community. Anyone attending class without a mask will be asked to put one on or leave. Instructors may end class if anyone present refuses to appropriately wear a mask for the duration of class. Students who refuse to wear masks appropriately may face disciplinary action for Code of Conduct violations. If you feel you cannot wear a mask during class, please speak with your adviser immediately about your options for altering your schedule.

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Counseling and Psychological Services at University Park (CAPS)

<http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/counseling/> 814-863-0395

Penn State Crisis Line (24 hours/7 days/week): 877-229-6400

Crisis Text Line (24 hours/7 days/week): Text LIONS to 741741

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