

Mathematics 302 – Spring 2009 – Course Information

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Prerequisites: Math 152

Class time & Location:

Section 502: MWF 12:40–1:30, BLOCKER 160

Section 503: MWF 1:50 –2:40, BLOCKER 160

Textbook: *Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications, 6th ed.* by Kenneth H. Rosen. McGraw Hill, ISBN 0073312711. Reading the text is strongly encouraged.

Syllabus:

Math 302 is a course on discrete mathematics. As described in the Course Catalog, we will cover formal structures for describing data, algorithms and computing devices. We will also study the theory and applications of sets, graphs, and algebraic structures.

More specifically, we will cover Chapters 1, 2, 3 (§1, 2, 8), 4 (§1–4), 5 (§1–5), 7 (1-3), 8 (1-5), and 12 of the textbook.

Homework:

There will be weekly homework assignments. Doing the homework is essential to understanding the material and to doing well on the tests so please take the time to read the appropriate sections or handouts and to do all of the problems each week.

Late homework is not fair to you as a student who is trying to keep up with the class, to your classmates, or to the grader; hence you should turn your assignments in on time. If you will not be in class on the due date, you should arrange to turn in the homework early. Late homework will not be accepted.

Quizzes:

During the semester there will be six short quizzes on the material we have been covering in class. The grades of the best five will added and counted as your Quiz Grade.

Tests:

There will be 3 in-class tests. The tests are tentatively scheduled for February 20, April 3, and May 11 (Section 502) and May 12 (Section 503). I reserve the right to change the dates or the particular selection of topics from the syllabus based on the needs of the class. I will give you at least a week's notice before each test.

You can raise your grade for up to 30 points by doing the extra-credit assignments. There are three extra-credit assignments. To get credit, you must hand in them by the assigned deadline. (You can choose to do all of them, or only 1, or 2 of them.)

If you have three or more exams on the day of the last exam, you must let me know at least two weeks in advance so suitable rescheduling arrangements may be made.

Getting help:

You are encouraged to ask questions both in class and outside of it, although I will not answer questions about homework to be collected during that class. I am available to answer questions in office hours and by appointment. You may also contact me via e-mail with your questions and I will respond as soon as possible.

Grades:

Your grade will be determined by your performance on the homework and tests as follows:

homework	100 points
quizzes	100 points
1st test	100 points
2nd test	100 points
3rd test	100 points
(extra-credit assignments	30 points, See below)

There is a total of 500 points. You may improve your grade by taking the extra-credit assignments. The extra-credit assignments may be used to increase your scores for up to 30 points. The standard cutoffs for letter grades will be used: A 450 pts, B 400 pts, C 350 pts, D 300 pts.

If you wish to request a regrade on a test, it must be done in writing within one week of the day on which it was returned to you.

Policy for Absences:

Attendance on a regular basis is expected. While there are occasionally good reasons for you to choose to miss class, my experience has been that there is a strong correlation between attendance (as long as you are awake and listening) and performance in the course.

For absence related to injury or illness, students who are absent from class three or more days should provide instructors with confirmation from a medical provider for an excused absence.

Make-Up Policy:

Make-ups for missed tests will only be given if you have a university approved excuse in writing and if you notify me by the end of the next working day as per university rules. Whenever possible you should inform me before a test or quiz is missed.

Scholastic Dishonesty:

Cheating of any form is not acceptable and it will be dealt with harshly. In particular, copying work done by others, either in-class or out of class, is an act of scholastic dishonesty and it will be prosecuted to the full extent allowed by university policy. Collaboration on assignments is permitted for this course, however each student must write up their own solutions. For more information on university policies regarding scholastic dishonesty, see the University Student Rules.

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