

MATH 629-600 — History of Mathematics — Syllabus

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TEXT: *Online notes,*

Meeting Time: This Course is Online

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Grading:

Homework	=	100pts
Term paper	=	150pts
Book Report	=	50pts
Final Exam	=	200pts
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Total	=	500pts

A = 450-500pts

B = 400-449pts

C = 350-399pts

D = 300-349pts

TERM PAPER: The term paper will be assigned, collected and graded. Suggested topics will be given sometime during the first week of classes. Alternatively, you are free to select a topic of your choice but check with me first. (Due Date: December 1, 2000) The length of this paper should be about 15-20 pages typed, or about 5000 words.

BOOK REPORT: You must identify a book on some aspect of the history of mathematics and report its contents, particularly its mathematical contents. Biographies of contemporary mathematicians are especially encouraged. This book may be topical or a biography but **it may not be a general history**. If you have questions about the suitability of some work please see me. (Due Date: October 1, 2000)

HOMEWORK: Homework will be collected and graded.

FINAL EXAM: The final exam will be take home.

COURSE URL:

Course homepage: http://www.math.tamu.edu/~don.allen/m629_00c/index.htm

Readings: http://www.math.tamu.edu/~don.allen/masters/hist_frame.htm