Course Information

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The office hours may change later in the semester; check Moodle for updates. If you cannot make it to my
office hours, you may arrange to meet with me at another time by appointment.

Textbook. The required textbook for the course is


We will aim to cover most of Chapters 1–7 and Chapter 9 (roughly a week and a half per chapter).

Homework. Problem sets will be assigned and posted on Moodle roughly once a week. Most homework
questions will involve proofs. Please write your solutions in complete sentences. I will not accept late
homework, but I will drop your lowest homework grade.

Exams. There will be two 50-minute in-class exams and a two-hour comprehensive final exam. The dates
of the exams are given below. If there is any circumstance that may prevent you from taking an exam on
the scheduled date, you must discuss it with me in advance.

- Mid-Term Exam 1: Friday, September 22
- Mid-Term Exam 2: Friday, October 27
- Final Exam: Saturday, December 9, 3:00pm–5:00pm

Grading. The final grade will be determined as follows:

Homework: 30%
Mid-Term Exams: 40% (20% each)
Final Exam: 30%

I typically curve course grades based on the performance of the class. Of course, 90% is guaranteed to be
an A, 80% is guaranteed to be at least a B, etc.

Academic integrity. High standards of academic integrity are crucial for the University to fulfill its
educational mission. In view of this, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- Homework. If you work together with other students, please indicate their names on the homework
  you hand in. If you consult other sources, such as Internet forums or other textbooks, you must
  acknowledge these as well. But in all cases, the solutions you hand in must be written in your own
  words. No credit will be given for solutions copied verbatim from another source.

- Exams. You may not communicate with other students by any means during exams, and you may
  not use any supplementary materials (notes, books, or electronic equipment). Students suspected of
  violating this policy will be referred to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability.

Students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may have some impact on your work in this class
and for which you may require accommodations, please see a staff member in the Disability Services office
(115 Johnston Hall) so that such accommodations can be considered. If you have an accommodation letter,
please meet with me to discuss the provisions of those accommodations as soon as possible.