MAA 6416: Topology, COS-MATH 3(3,0)
Fall 2017

Lectures: Tuesday–Thursday, 2–3:20 p.m., MSB 407

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Course prerequisite. MAA 4226: Advanced Calculus I, MTG 4302: Introduction to Topology

Textbooks. Topology and Geometry by Glen Bredon and Algebraic Topology by Allan Hatcher, (freely available on Hatcher’s website).

Course goals. The course will provide an introduction to the ideas and methods of topology and algebraic topology.

Course description. This is an introductory graduate course in topology with a goal of introducing you to algebraic topology. As such, I will essentially assume that you are quite comfortable with the material from an undergraduate topology course.

The topics we will discuss include a review of point set topology (topological spaces, continuity, convergence, subspaces, product spaces, quotient spaces, connectedness, compactness), fundamental group, homology and possibly more.

I will try to follow Bredon (Chapters 1, 3, 4) or/and Hatcher (Chapters 1, 2) and assign homework from these books.

Course work. There will be homework sets, one take-home midterm and a take-home final exam.

Homework. You may turn in your homework either in class to me or by email as a single pdf file. Other formats such as jpeg will not be accepted.

Grading policy. Your course grade will be based on homework, midterm and final exam scores as follows: Homework 30%, Midterm 30%, Final 40%. I will use the grading scale

100 – 90%: A,  89 – 80%: B,  79 – 70%: C,  69 – 60%: D,  < 60%: F.

Internet access. You are expected to have daily access to the internet and email. I will be emailing you regularly, usually through Webcourses, about course related matters and assume that you are following those communications.

Important dates. Here are some important dates.
- Aug 22, Tue: MAA 6416 first lecture
- Aug 24, Thu: Drop/Swap Deadline
- Aug 25, Fri: Add Deadline
- Aug 31, Thu: No class due to Game Day
- Oct 30, Mon: Withdrawal Deadline
- Nov 23–25, Thu–Sat: Thanksgiving break
- Nov 30, Thu: MAA 6416 last lecture
Financial Aid Requirement. All faculty are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. This academic activity must be completed by the end of the first week of classes or as soon as possible after adding the course, but no later than Aug 25. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the registration validation quiz given through UCF Webcourses by 5 p.m., Monday, Aug 25. Failure to do so may result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.

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