

MATH 490: Introduction to Topology

Textbook: Introduction to Topology, Third Edition, Bert Mendelson

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Office hours: MTWRF 4:00 - 5:00

From the Catalog: Special studies for individuals or small seminar groups. Course content to be arranged with instructor and with approval of the department head.

Prerequisites: junior standing or higher and permission of the instructor.

Course Objectives:

The students taking this course will learn the basics of Topology. Metric spaces will be introduced with the concept of a metric generalizing distance in Euclidean space. Topological spaces will also be introduced with the concept of topology further generalizing the notion of a metric by viewing neighborhood as modeling distance. Connectedness and Compactness, two of the most important concepts in topology will be given special consideration as time permits.

SYLLABUS FOR SPRING 2003: MWF 2:00 - 2:50

| Week | Monday | Wednesday | Friday |
|------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 1.1 - 1.4 | 1.5 - 1.6 | 1.7 - 1.8 |
| 2 | 1.9 - 1.10 | 2.1 - 2.2 | 2.2 - 2.3 |
| 3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| 4 | 2.7 | 2.7 - 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 5 | 3.1 - 3.2 | 3.3 | EXAM 1 |
| 6 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
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| 9 | 4.1 - 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| 10 | 4.5 | 4.5 | EXAM 2 |
| 11 | 4.6 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 4.7 |
| 12 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| 13 | 5.3 | 5.3 - 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 14 | 5.5 | 5.5 | EXAM 3 |
| 15 | 5.6 | 5.6 - 5.7 | 5.7 |

Final Exam: Wednesday, April 30, 3:00-5:00