

MAT 731, Rings and Modules, Fall 2013

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Tentative Office Hours: Tue 3:30–5 and Wed 4–5, and by appointment

Text: Your notes from lecture will be the main source. They can be supplemented by reading *Algebra* by Hungerford, which is on reserve in the library, although the order of the material is slightly different there. (The book is written in slightly more generality as he does not assume rings have an identity element, but you can easily ignore that issue.)

However, the book has a *completely* different (and abstruse) approach to the noncommutative rings material near the end of the course, so do not use it for that part.

Prerequisites: MAT 631, 632

Course Topics: We intend to cover at least the following topics:

	Set-up	Modules and Homomorphisms Direct Sums and Products, Free Modules Universal Properties Projective and Injective Modules Exact Sequences, Diagram Chasing Hom and Tensor Composition Series, Noetherian, Artinian
Noncommutative Ring Theory		Semisimple Rings and Modules Artin-Wedderburn Theory Jacobson Radical, Nakayama's Lemma
Commutative Topic		Localization

Final: There will be no formal final exam, but we may use some of that time to make up the required hours.

Homework and Grades: Your grade will be based on the regular homework sets. You may work together, but you may find that *you mature the most mathematically by doing as much as possible by yourself*. You are always welcome to come to me for help.

You should inform me **in the first two weeks of class** if

- (1) you have any disabilities for which special considerations are necessary, or
 - (2) you have any religious or sports commitments which may affect your attendance on any days of the semester.
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