

Syllabus MAT 534 Spring 2015

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Lectures. TuTh 11:00am - 12:20pm in 306 Carnegie.

Office Hours. Tu 12:30 - 1:20pm, Th 10:00 - 10:50am, and by appointment.

Course Description. MAT 534, Introduction to Abstract Algebra (3 credits). Theory of groups, rings, and fields, including the integers and polynomial rings. Prerequisites: [MAT 531](#) OR GRADUATE STANDING IN MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES. *This course is designed primarily for mathematics majors.*

Text. *Modern Algebra, An Introduction*, by John R. Durbin, John Wiley & Sons, Sixth Edition, 2009. We will cover Chapters I – VI and VIII with some additions and omissions.

Homework. Homework will be collected. Questions on examinations will be modeled on homework questions, so it is essential to learn how to solve homework problems.

Attendance. Attendance is essential to success in this course; it will be considered.

Tests. There will be two or three midterm examinations and a final examination. The final examination will be given on Friday, May 1, 2015, 5:15 – 7:15pm. **Do not make plans to leave campus before 7:15pm on Friday, May 1.**

Grading. The instructor will announce the grading policy. If a student misses a midterm and has a valid excuse, the grade for the missed midterm will be based on the relevant part of the final examination; *there will be no makeups*. If you must miss an examination, please contact your instructor promptly, if possible well before the scheduled date of the examination.

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policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes. Students have access to an online notification form through MySlice that they can use to notify their instructors.

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