xtbook: C. T. C. Wall, A Geometric Introduction to Topology
        Hocking and Young, Topology (Supplementary text)

covered the following chapters in Wall's book:

liked the book, and liked the fact that I was able to get up to the
rdan Curve Theorem and give a complete proof of it. Eilenberg's
paration Criterion is clever, elementary and powerful. The class was
all and the students were very strong; I'm not sure how the book
uld work out with a larger more mixed group. I had two complaints.

  - The book spends too much time on algebra in Chapter 2.
    This delays the treatment of topology. If I were doing this
    again I'd skip the parts on exact sequences and come back to them
    much later on when the subject actually comes up.

  - There are a lot of misprints in the exercises. Proofread
    them before you assign them!

tried to encourage class participation, with some success, but not
 much as I would have liked. I had the students prepare some individual
esentations (with my help) on supplementary material from Hocking
d Young... for instance, on space-filling curves, or on the general
finition of a topological space. (Wall restricts himself, wisely I
ink, to subspaces of Euclidean spaces.) These presentations went
er pretty well. I'd be tempted to think of giving them a larger role
d making it more of a seminar course.

th Wall and Hocking/Young are inexpensive Dover reprints, so it
dn't seem unreasonable to expect the students to buy both of them.