

Mathematics 60210—Basic Graduate Algebra, Fall 2018

Pasq 109, MWF 12:50–1:40

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You may email me or call (631-7165) to set up appointments. If I am in my office, feel free to knock on the door and see if I am available. You can also ask questions before, after, or during class.

Course Description

We will study groups, rings, and modules. We will cover topics from chapters 1 through 12 of Dummit and Foote, and from chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5 of Ash.

Texts

There are two main texts I will use:

- (1) Abstract Algebra: The Basic Graduate Year, by Robert Ash, available for free download at: <http://www.math.uiuc.edu/~r-ash/Algebra.html>
- (2) Abstract Algebra, 3rd edition, by Dummit and Foote (will be on reserve in the math library)
Some of you may want to consult:
- (3) Serge Lang, Algebra, Revised 3rd edition, Springer-Verlag, on reserve in the math library. This is a more challenging book and the point of view is more sophisticated.
- (4) Michael Artin, Algebra, Prentice Hall (a very good book for undergraduate algebra, which has considerable intersection with graduate algebra).

Hour Exam

There will be one exam during the semester. It is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 28, and will include an in-class portion and a take-home portion.

Final Exam

The Final Exam is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 8:00–10:00 am, room TBA.

Homework

There will be homework assigned most weeks. It will be due Wednesdays, but if you need to ask me questions or want an extra day or two to finish work, you can turn it in by the start of class Friday with no penalty. After that, homework will be deemed late. If you have one or two late assignments during the semester, there will be no penalty, but you will be penalized if you have more than two late homework assignments. Homework should be written up separately by individual students, although talking to people about problems together is certainly encouraged. Homework will be announced in-class and posted on the course website at: www.nd.edu/~sevens/60210.html

Grading

The final grade will be a weighted average of the grades on the homework, hour exams, and final exam as follows:

Hour Exam	20%
Final Exam	30%
Homework	50%