CMSC 250 : Syllabus - Summer 2009 : M-F 11:00-12:20

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Textbook : Discrete Mathematics with Applications 3rd Edition - Susanna Epp

Course Grading

Exams: 72% (Two Semester Exams - 20% each, Final Exam - 32%)
With a properly documented medical excuse a missed exam can be taken on the next Monday morning (before the exam is returned in class). For an extended medical excuse, the grade for a missed semester exam will be calculated by averaging the other two exams. The Final Exam must be taken. Students claiming an excused absence must apply in writing and furnish documentary support from a health care professional who treated the student for any assertion that the absence qualifies as an excused absence. The support should explicitly indicate the dates or times the student was incapacitated due to illness and provide contact information for verification. Self-documentation of illness is not itself sufficient support to excuse the absence.

The scheduled date for the first exam will be on Friday, June 19th.
The scheduled date for the second exam will be on Friday, July 10th.
The cumulative Final Exam will be held on Friday, July 24th.

Homework and Quizzes: 28% (Homework - 12%, Quizzes - 16%)
All written homework assignments will be due at the beginning of the class or lab session indicated. Quizzes will be given in lab each week (when there is not an exam that day). There will be no makeups given. Lab quizzes will typically be given at the beginning of lab and then the answers will be reviewed. There will be homework assigned on a regular basis starting on the first day of class. Many homework questions will be taken from the textbook. You are strongly encouraged to purchase the text by the first day of class for this reason. Missed homework assignments due to medical reason will be made up in a manner to be determined at that time. Again, a documented medical excuse is required, as defined above.

Note: Each exam will be curved individually as/if needed. It is not guaranteed that all exams will be curved. The final letter grade will be based on 90% and above for an A, 80% for a B, etc. The final grade will not need to be curved since each contributing exam grade may be.

Class material and readings will be based on the textbook including, but not limited to, Chapters 1-7 & 10-11.

Academic Honesty

Homework and exams are individual endeavors and are to be done by you. You may NOT discuss homework problems with anyone other than the TA or myself. Any students found to be turning in identical or unusually similar homework, collaborating on homework, or cheating on quizzes or exams will be turned over to the Student Honor Council for review and a hearing. The default decision of the Council is typically to give you an XF for the course but they may go as far as suspending you from the University.

The University of Maryland, College Park has a nationally recognized Code of Academic Integrity, administered by the Student Honor Council. This Code sets standards for academic integrity at Maryland for all undergraduate and graduate students. As a student you are responsible for upholding these standards for this course. It is very important for you to be aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, facilitation, and plagiarism. For more information on the Code of Academic Integrity or the Student Honor Council, please visit http://www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/whatis.html. Any student eligible for and requesting reasonable academic accommodations due to a disability is requested to provide, to the instructor in office hours, a letter of accommodation from the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) within the first week of the semester.