

Math 4377, Section 01: Algebraic Structures Spring 2019 Syllabus

1 Course Information

- Location and Time: TuTh 2:00–3:20pm, 402 Lee Drain Building
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- Required Materials:
 - Textbook: Abstract Algebra, 3rd edition, by Beachy and Blair.

Catalog Course Description: Topics include groups, rings, fields, finite groups and Abelian groups. Credit 3. Prerequisites: C or better in MATH 3300 and MATH 3377.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes: By the end of the course a successful student will be able to write *clear* and *correct* mathematical proofs about the following topics in abstract algebra:

1. Groups: Abelian and nonabelian groups, Lagrange’s theorem, homomorphisms and isomorphisms, Cayley’s theorem, quotient groups, Burnside’s counting theorem.
2. Rings: Commutative and noncommutative rings, integral domains, UFDs, PIDs, Euclidean domains and the relationships between them, fields, polynomial rings over fields, ideals, quotient rings, quotient fields.

2 Grading Policy

Your average in the course will be computed using the following weights:

Homework: Initial submissions	15%
Homework: Peer reviews	25%
Homework: Publications	10%
Exam 1	15%
Exam 2	15%
Final Exam	20%

Your grade in the course will be assigned using the following scale:

A	90% or better average
B	80–89% average
C	70–79% average
D	60–69% average
F	59% or lower average

Homework: Homework is the most important part of the course. In this course we model the publishing process in mathematics. Each homework assignment is broken down into three parts.

Part A: Initial submission

Part B: Peer review

Part C: Submission of revisions for publication

All homework must be typeset using the industry standard language L^AT_EX, and all homework submissions will take place on Blackboard. Detailed instructions for each step of the homework process are available on Blackboard. **Read them.**

Missed homework policy: Since homework will be submitted online, no make-ups for missed homework submissions will be available.

Exams: Many exam problems will be similar to homework problems or examples worked in class. The final exam will be cumulative.

If you arrive late to an exam, you may still take the exam in the remaining time as long as nobody has finished the exam yet.

No exam grades will be dropped.

Exam make-up policy: If you miss an exam, you will be expected to show appropriate cause in writing. If you must miss an exam, I expect you to contact me beforehand. If that is impossible, then you must contact me no later than 24 hours after the exam. If you miss an exam and have not contacted me by this time, you forfeit your right to a make-up.

Academic Honesty Policy: **The only sources you may consult in this course are me, the TA, other students currently enrolled in the course, and your textbooks. That's it.** Consulting any other source, including other professors, the Internet, solutions manuals, or anyone who has already completed the course, is considered cheating. You will have plenty of opportunity to interact with me and the TA for help, so take advantage of it!

When doing homework it is best to work alone. If you work with another student to find a solution you may not copy each other. When it comes time to write up your work to be turned in, *you must write it alone, in your own words.* Doing otherwise is considered cheating. Anything you write down while working with others should be erased or thrown away before you go off on your own to write up the work you'll turn in for credit. I expect that what you turn in will be a reflection of your own understanding.

On exams, no help is to be given or received and no cheat sheets are allowed.

Punishment for cheating may include you being forbidden from attending further class meetings, an assignment of a grade of F in the course, and a referral to the dean on academic dishonesty charges.

Extra Credit Policy: There isn't any extra credit.

Final Exam Time: Tue May 7, 3:30–5:30pm

3 Classroom Policies

Attendance Policy: I expect you to attend every class. If you miss a class, then I expect you to get notes from a classmate. I expect you to arrive to class on time.

Classroom Rules of Conduct: Students must refrain from behavior in class that disrupts the learning process. Students are prohibited from using tobacco products in class, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times or about inappropriate things, wearing inappropriate clothing, using cellphones, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

Math-related questions in the classroom are encouraged. However, chatter is disruptive to the learning process and will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Disabilities policy: Any student with a disability that affects his/her academic performance should contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities in the SHSU Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786) to request accommodations.

Use of Telephones and Text Messengers in Class: Be respectful of those around you and don't use these during class, except in the case of emergency. All messengers must be put away for exams.

4 Tentative Schedule

We will be covering the material in the course (Chapters 1–5 and sections 7.5, 9.1, and 9.2) roughly in order. Important dates include:

Exam 1	Thursday Feb 21
SPRING BREAK	March 11–15
Exam 2	Thursday April 4
Final Exam	Tue May 7, 3:30–5:30pm

5 Additional Information

All information on this syllabus is subject to change. All changes will be announced in class. Further university policies regarding academic dishonesty, student absences on religious holy days, disabilities, and visitors in the classroom which apply to this course may be found at <http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>. If there is a conflict between information on this syllabus and official university policy, university policy takes precedence.