MA 134 Discrete Mathematics Fall 2023 Professor Larry Russ email:lruss@stevens.edu office: North Bldg. Room 227

## Office Hours

MWF 10-10:40AM North Building Room 227...OR: email anytime and we can arrange to meet And it's always good, but not necessary, to email me to let me know you are coming to office hours.

## **Course Administration**

Homework will be assigned approximately once a week and posted on Canvas whenever we finish a topic. Late homework assignments are not accepted without prior approval, since written solutions will be posted on Canvas shortly after the assignments are due.

Students often get the most out of the homework problems by working on them individually. However, discussing the problems with classmates or working together on the harder problems is fine if you prefer that. If you do work with others, please note their names on the HW submission. Copying another student's work and submitting it as your own is NOT fine, and is a violation of the Honor Code, as is submission of ANY work that is not your own. Please pledge all HW submissions.

There will be four examinations during the semester and a Final Examination during Finals Week. All examinations are closed book, closed notes.

Your final grade will be determined as follows:

Homework: 10% Examinations: 60% Final examination: 30%

Note: I also calculate your final score for the course by counting the final Exam 60% and the Exams 30% and for each student I use the larger of these two calculations when I am assigning final grades for the course.

Textbook: Discrete Mathematics with Applications, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Susanna Epp, Brooks/Cole Publishers The 5<sup>th</sup> edition is out, but the 4<sup>th</sup> is available and less expensive and I will assign problems and reading from the 4<sup>th</sup> edition.

Topics to be covered:

Propositional Logic
Predicate Logic
Intro to Number Theory
Proof Techniques
Mathematical Induction
Recursion
Functions