

Introduction to Abstract Algebra I – Math 444 CRN 13241
Syllabus and guidelines 2025

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Class meets: MWF 11:00-11:50am, 105 University.

Office hours: M 10-11, T 2-3 (or by appointment), 303 University.

Text: “A First Course in Abstract Algebra” by J. B. Fraleigh and N. E. Brand, 8th edition

Class webpage:

All information about this class will be posted on Canvas page.

Grades: We will have two hour exams (midterms) in weeks 4 and 8 as well as final exam and weekly written assignments (homeworks).

Each hour exam will count as 15% of your grade, the total homework will count as 30% of your grade, and the final exam will count for 40%.

Written Assignments Assignments will be posted on the course webpage, approximately weekly, and collected on the due date (usually Wednesday) at the beginning of class. Assignments are equally weighted. Not all of the assigned problems will be graded.

In order to succeed in the course, it is extremely important to keep up with the homework, as well as to do problems from the textbook. I encourage you to work and study in groups. However, please do make sure that your work is your own. Allow yourself time to write up the solutions on your own, in your own words, without copying from work that you did in the group.

Examinations: There will be two midterm examinations given in class, on Fridays, October 24 and November 21

There will be no makeup for these exams, except for medical emergencies.

Course Goals: This class will devoted to basic algebra structures: groups and rings

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