

Syllabus Math 510B

Prof: C. Negron

Time and location: 12:00-12:50 pm, KAP138

Office: KAP 444C

Office hours: Fridays

Books: *Finite dimensional algebras*, Drozd and Kirichenko.

Introduction to commutative algebra, Atiyah and Macdonald and/or *Stacks project* Ch 10.

Pre-req: 510 A

Website: c-negron.github.io/510B_S26

Topics covered

This course covers basics for algebras and modules. We plan to cover the following:

- (i) **Finite-dimensional algebras:** Algebras and modules → chain conditions → Jordan-Holder theorem → semisimplicity → Jacobson radical → Artin-Wedderburn → Maschke theorem → Artinian implies Noetherian.
- (ii) **Commutative rings:** Noetherian rings → Polynomial rings and finite type algebras → Spectra and Zariski topology → nullstellensatz → localization and primes → nilradicals → finite extensions.
- (iii) **Categories of modules:** Bimodules → tensoring and Hom functors → \otimes -Hom adjunction → Morita theorem → Projectives, injectives, and flat modules → constructing injectives.

Topics (i) and (iii) are covered in Drozd-Kirichenko, and (ii) is covered in Atiyah-Macdonald.

Homework and examinations

Homework will be quasi-weekly, and turned in in class. HWs will receive commentary from the grader, but no grades will be recorded. We'll have periodic quizzes. The quizzes will ask questions directly off the HW. There will be one midterm on an unknown date.

The final will either be on the last day of class or given on the university prescribed date.

Grades

The final grade will be 30% quizzes, 30% midterm, 40% final.

Important dates

First day of class is Monday Jan 12.

- Begin and end of semester: Mon Jan 12, Fri May 1.
- Holidays: Mon Jan 19, Mon Feb 16, March 15-22.
- Midterm: Fri March 13.
- Final: Probably Fri May 8, 11 am - 1 pm.

Hypothetical quiz dates might be Jan 30, Feb 20, April 3, May 27.

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