

# Math-Z2: Applications of Finite Math

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**Lectures:** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 to 11:00 in Votey 209  
**Text:** *Excursions in Modern Mathematics*, Custom Edition for UVM by Peter Tannenbaum  
**Course Website:** <http://www.cems.uvm.edu/~bfarman/courses/2010/summer/Math-17/index.html>  
Homework, test dates and other various announcements will be made here, as well as in class.  
**Announcements:** There is an RSS feed on the course website  
(<http://www.cems.uvm.edu/~bfarman/courses/2010/summer/Math-17/announcements.xml>)  
which should work with your favorite reader, so you can get any updates posted to the site automatically.  
**Course Description:** Introduction to mathematics of finite systems with applications, such as probability, statistics, growth and symmetry, graph theory, fair division and apportionment problems, voting systems.  
Prerequisite: Two years of secondary school algebra or 9 or 10.  
**Homework:** Homework sets will generally be assigned every other class and there will be two to three days in which to complete them. There are 4 weeks in the course, so there will be between 6 and 8 assignments.  
Homework is expected to be handed in in a neat manner. Illegible work will not be accepted.  
**Late Work:** Late work will not be accepted, except under extenuating circumstances. Your dog (or any other animal, either wild or domesticated) eating your homework is not an extenuating circumstance.  
**Exams:** There are, tentatively, two exams scheduled covering chapters 1-3, 5-7 and 10.  
The exact dates of the exams will be announced in class, but are tentatively scheduled for the weeks the final chapters are finished:  
Exam 1: Week 2  
Exam 2: Week 4.  
**Final Exam:** There will be a final exam which will take place at the end of the course.  
**Expectations:** Students are expected to act in accordance to the rules outlined in the school's *Codes of Conduct*: <http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/studentcode.pdf>  
<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/acadintegrity.pdf>  
**Grading:**  
Homework: 60%  
Exams: 20%

Final: 20%

**Grading Scheme:**

A: 90-100%

B: 80-89%

C: 70-79%

D: 60-69%

F: < 60%

**Academic Assistance:** Students with documented learning disabilities are entitled, by law, to certain "reasonable accommodations." If you have a documented reason for special accommodations, you must provide written evidence as soon as possible from the appropriate office. Further info can be found at <http://www.uvm.edu/~aspprogs>