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Office Hours:	TBA (See the link on public webpage.) and by appointment. Also, you are welcome to drop by.
Textbook:	Book of Proof by Richard Hammack, 3rd Edition (ISBN: 978-0-9894721-2-8 (paperback))
	OR
	the free online version https://richardhammack.github.io/BookOfProof/
Lecture Hours:	MWF 11:45am-12:45pm Chap 204
Course Web Page:	https://jrfaudree.github.io/M265S26home.html
Course Grades:	on Canvas
Midterm Dates*:	Fri Feb 6, Fri Mar 6, Fri Apr 3, Fri Apr 24
Final Exam:	Wednesday, April 29, 10:15am-12:15pm
Prerequisites:	MATH 252 Calculus II with a grade of C- or better OR concurrent enrollment in MATH 252 Calculus II

*Note that official Midterm Dates may change over the semester. Any changes will be announced in class and on the course webpage.

Course Overview and Learning Outcomes

This course is an introduction to formal, rigorous mathematical proof. It is intended to give you an understanding of the logical framework and common techniques used to build proofs and to teach you how to construct and write your own.

A mathematical proof may have many forms but essentially all are governed by some established principles. There are explicit assumptions which are used to demonstrate that a stated conclusion is guaranteed. The demonstration of this guarantee uses accepted and explicitly stated rules of logical reasoning.

For many consumers of mathematics, the primary role of mathematics is as a tool for solving some other problem (from Physics, Economics, etc.). From this strictly applied point of view, it is sufficient if the mathematical process consistently appears to give a solution supported by observation or data. However, mathematics from the mathematicians' view generally requires proof. Indeed for most mathematicians proof is the defining property of the subject. No conjecture becomes a theorem – however much empirical evidence supports it – without proof.

In summary, this is the course that gives the insider's view of the subject.

Course Mechanics

Class meetings will be run as an interactive lecture. Everyday you will do work in class, sometimes individually and sometimes in groups at the board. You should always bring paper and pencil to class.

Class attendance and participation is mandatory.

Being present in class and being active in class are so important to student success that **class participation** is a portion of your grade. Acceptable class participation includes asking questions, attempting to answer questions, contributing to group work, and allowing others to contribute. You will get an easy A on this portion of your grade as a reward for being present, active, and engaged in the class meetings and for being respectful to the other members of the class.

If you miss class for an excused reason, you can make-up participation points for that day in consultation with the instructor.

Homework will be assigned weekly and turned in via an upload link in Canvas. The entire homework assignment will be checked to make sure you have completed, checked, and corrected all parts of all problems. Selected problems will be graded with detailed comments.

The use of **external sources** to complete your homework is not prohibited. External sources include collaborating with classmates, searching other books or the web, and the use of AI tools like ChatGPT or Claude.ai.

You are strongly encouraged to talk to me and each other about the homework. Talking with others about math is a great way to solidify knowledge and clarify points of confusion.

However, **each student is expected to write up their solutions independently**. The line between collaboration and plagiarism and/or cheating is crossed if one student gives another student a complete solution (on paper or electronically) or if you copy or merely paraphrase a solution found/constructed elsewhere. Moreover, submitting homework that you do not understand is not a strategy for long-term success in any math class.

See the Homework Guidelines for more detail on write-up expectations and best practices.

A selection of homework problems will be written using the mathematical typesetting tool called **L^AT_EX**.

There are many benefits to learning to use L^AT_EX. It's easier to revise and edit your work. It encourages writing actual sentences since most people can type words faster than they can hand-write them. It will help you focus on the quality of your writing.

On the course webpage, you will find a link to resources for getting started with L^AT_EX.

There will be four **midterms** during the semester and a comprehensive **final exam**.

Make-up Midterms will be given only for excused absences.

Read all assigned textbook sections according to the schedule. Class activities, homework, and exams assume you've done the readings. You're responsible for all textbook material unless told otherwise. We won't cover every example, definition, and explanation in class, and some homework problems will draw on material we don't discuss.

Grades will be calculated according to the rubric on the left. Letter grades will be assigned according to the scale on the right. This scale is a guarantee; the instructors reserve the right to lower

the thresholds.

homework	15%
participation	4%
midterms	$4 \times 14\% = 56\%$
final exam	25%

A+	97–100%	C+	77–79%	F < 60%
A	93–96%	C	73–76%	
A-	90–92%	C-	70–72%	
B+	87–89%	D+	67–69%	
B	83–86%	D	63–66%	
B-	80–82%	D-	60–62%	

Tutoring and Resources

- The Math and Stat Lab is located in the student success center on the 6th floor of the Rasmussen Library and offers drop-in tutoring.
See www.uaf.edu/dms/mathlab/ for schedules and availability.
- Free one-on-one (or small group) tutoring is also available. You must schedule an appointment; see www.uaf.edu/dms/mathlab/.
- The Student Success Center has *Academic Coaches*, which are undergraduate students who can help you improve your study strategies, identify resources and set goals, offer assistance with personalized study plans, time management, navigating UAF technology, test and note-taking strategies, and much more. You can talk to Academic Coaches by dropping into their area in the Student Success Center on the 6th floor of the Rasmussen Library.
- Student Support Services (uaf.edu/sss/) offers free tutoring in many subjects to students who qualify for their program.
- ASUAF (uaf.edu/asuaf/) offers private tutoring for a small fee, based on student income.

Rules and Policies

AI usage

During proctored, paper exams, you will not have access to electronic tools of any type, and you may not use books or notes, except as announced. These assessments represent around 80% of your grade.

Feel free to use outside resources while completing your homework. It is also reasonable to explore new AI tools like ChatGPT. However, since exams represent the vast majority of your grade, as you do the homework, you must focus on your own thinking and level of understanding. Copying solutions without understanding will have no benefit to your own learning of the material which is the goal of the homework. It is also not a good long-term strategy for passing the course.

Incomplete Grade

An incomplete is a temporary grade used to indicate that the student has satisfactorily completed (C (2.0) or better) the majority of work in a course (usually all but the last 3 weeks) but for personal reasons beyond the student's control, such as sickness, has not been able to complete the course during the regular semester. See the catalog <https://catalog.uaf.edu/academics-regulations/grades/> for more details.

Late Withdrawals

A withdrawal after the deadline from a DMS course will normally be granted only in cases where the student is performing satisfactorily (i.e., C or better) in a course, but has exceptional reasons, beyond his/her control, for being unable to complete the course. To apply for a late withdrawal, please talk to your instructor and your advisor..

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, will not be tolerated. It is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and will be punished according to UAF procedures.

Student protections and services statement

Every qualified student is welcome in my classroom. As needed, I am happy to work with you, Disability Services, Veterans' Services, Rural Student Services, etc. to find reasonable accommodations. Students at this University are protected against sexual harassment and discrimination (Title IX), and minors have additional protections. As required, if I notice or am informed of certain types of misconduct, then I am required to report it to the appropriate authorities. For more information on your rights as a student and the resources available to you to resolve problems, please go the following site: www.uaf.edu/handbook/.

Official UAF Syllabus Addendum

Student protections statement: The university respects and upholds the principles of due process and a fair and equitable process as specified in the Board of Regents' Policy 09.02 Student Rights and Responsibilities. For more information regarding the rights and responsibilities of students, refer to the Office of Rights, Compliance and Accountability website. You are encouraged to read the Board of Regents' policy carefully to fully understand your responsibilities to our community.

We strive to create a safe and respectful environment for all members of our community. If you have questions about expectations of you as a student or believe your rights are being violated, we encourage you to reach out to the Office of Rights, Compliance and Accountability for help. UAF reserves the right to suspend, expel or take other necessary and appropriate action in cases where a student is unable or unwilling to uphold community standards and campus safety.

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Disability services statement: I will work with the Office of Disability Services to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.

ASUAF advocacy statement: The Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the student government of UAF, offers advocacy services to students who feel they are facing issues with staff, faculty, and/or other students specifically if these issues are hindering the ability of the student to succeed in their academics or go about their lives at the university. Students who wish to utilize these services can contact the Student Advocacy Director by visiting the ASUAF office or emailing asuaf.office@alaska.edu.

Student Academic Support:

- Communication Center (907-474-7007, uaf-commcenter@alaska.edu, Student Success Center, 6th Floor Room 677 Rasmuson Library)
- Writing Center (907-474-5314, uaf-writing-center@alaska.edu, Student Success Center, 6th Floor Room 677 Rasmuson Library)
- UAF Math Services (907-474-7332, uaf-traccloud@alaska.edu)
 - Drop-in tutoring, Student Success Center, 6th Floor Room 672 Rasmuson Library
 - 1:1 tutoring (by appointment only), 6th Floor Room 677 Rasmuson Library
 - Online tutoring (by appointment only) available
<https://www.uaf.edu/dms/mathlab/>, available at the Student Success Center
- Developmental Math Lab, Gruening 406
- The Debbie Moses Learning Center at CTC (907-455-2860, 604 Barnette St, Room 120, <https://www.ctc.uaf.edu/student-services/student-success-center/>)
- For more information and resources, please see the Academic Advising Resource List (<https://www.uaf.edu/advising/students/index.php>)

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- Disability Services (907-474-5655, uaf-disability-services@alaska.edu, 110 Eielson Building)
- Student Health & Counseling [free counseling sessions available] (907-474-7043, <https://www.uaf.edu/chc/appointments.php>, Whitaker Building, Room 206, Health, Safety & Security Bldg — same building as Fire and Police)
- Office of Rights, Compliance and Accountability (907-474-7300, uaf-orca@alaska.edu, 3rd Floor, Constitution Hall)
- Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (ASUAF) or ASUAF Student Government (907-474-7355, asuaf.office@alaska.eduasuaf.office@alaska.edu, Wood Center 119)

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