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MATH 3GR3 – ABSTRACT ALGEBRA 2023 Fall Term (tentative)

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Lectures: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30-9:20am. Lectures will be held in-person.

Office Hours: from 9:45am to 11:15am on Tuesdays and Fridays (tentative days and times) and by appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to groups and rings, with an emphasis on concrete examples. Topics include: groups, subgroups, normal subgroups, quotient groups, group homomorphisms, First Isomorphism Theorem for groups, symmetric and alternating groups, rings, subrings, ideals, quotient rings, ring homomorphisms, and the First Isomorphism for rings. Three lectures, one tutorial (one hour); one term

Prerequisite(s): MATH 1C03, and one of MATH 2R03 or a grade of at least B in MATH 2LA3

COURSE AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The goal of the course is to provide an introduction to abstract algebra. In the first part of the course we will cover the basics of group theory, including an introduction to subgroups, normal subgroups, quotient groups, homomorphisms, and the symmetric groups. In the second part of the course we will discuss the basics of ring theory. I hope to cover the material found in the following chapters of the text: 1-6, 9-11, 16-18. A tentative lecture schedule will be posted on the course webpage. We will cover about one chapter of the textbook per week.

MATERIALS & FEES

REQUIRED MATERIALS/ RESOURCES

Textbook: "Abstract Algebra: Theory and Applications" by Thomas W. Judson.

This book is an open-source textbook and is available for free download at: <http://abstract.ups.edu/download.html>. The version of the text that will be used in class will be the 2022 Full-Text edition. Any recent edition of the textbook will suffice for this course.

A printed copy of the text is available for purchase from amazon.com. Details can be found at <http://abstract.ups.edu/purchase.html>.

COURSE OVERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT

Tests:

There will be two 50-minute tests held, in-person, during the scheduled tutorial time during the weeks of October 17 and November 14 (both are tentative dates and times). Further details on the tests will be given in class and announced on the course web page. Each test will be worth 25% of your final grade.



Assignments:

Assignments will be assigned on a bi-weekly basis (more or less). In total, the grade from the assignments will count for 10% of the final grade. Late assignments will not be accepted for grading. Assignment solutions will be submitted by uploading them to the Avenue To Learn site for this course. Details will be provided on the course website and in class.

Final Examination:

As scheduled by the Registrar. Details (e.g., material that will be covered, final examination locations, etc.) will be given in class and announced on the course web page. The final exam will be worth 40% of your final grade.

EVALUATION

Your final grade for the course will be computed as follows:

Assessment	Weight
1. Final Exam	40%
2. Test #1	25%
3. Test #2	25%
4. Assignments	10%

The instructor reserves the right to change the weight of any portion of this marking scheme. For students in good academic standing, other weights might be considered. In either case, the final mark will be computed using this weighting and the new weighting(s). The highest score for a particular student will be her/his final mark. At the end of the course the grades may be adjusted but this can only increase your grade and will be done uniformly. We will use the grade equivalence chart published in the Undergraduate Calendar to convert between percentages and letter grades.

In case of difficulty/problems:

Contact Dr. Valeriote as soon as possible. Failing that, contact the Associate Dean's Office in BSB 136.

Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work

[McMaster Student Absence Form \(MSAF\)](#): In the event of an absence for medical or other reasons, students should review and follow the Academic Regulation in the Undergraduate Calendar “Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work”.

Policy Regarding Missed Work

Requests for missed academic work worth less than 25% of the final grade resulting from personal or medical situations, lasting up to 3 calendar days, can be reported, once per term, without documentation, using the McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF). Relief for missed work for a longer duration or for

other reasons must be reported to your Faculty office, and relief from term work may not necessarily be granted. When using the MSAF, report your absence to the course instructor or designate. You must then contact the Instructor/Instructional Assistant/other immediately (normally within 2 working days) by e-mail.

Please refer to the contact list on the first page of this outline for appropriate e-mail addresses. The Instructor/Instructional assistant will indicate what relief may be granted for the work you have missed, and relevant details such as revised deadlines, or time and location of a make-up exam/quiz/test. Please note that the MSAF may not be used for final deliverables, nor can it be used for a final examination or its equivalent. Please [review and follow the Academic Regulation in the Undergraduate Calendar under “Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work” here.](#)

Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who require academic accommodation must contact [Student Accessibility Services \(SAS\)](#) at 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or sas@mcmaster.ca to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. For further information, consult McMaster University’s [Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities](#) policy.

Academic Accommodation for Religious, Indigenous Or Spiritual Observances (Riso)

Students requiring academic accommodation based on religious, indigenous or spiritual observances should follow the procedures set out in the [RISO](#) policy. Students should submit their request to their Faculty Office **normally within 10 working days** of the beginning of term in which they anticipate a need for accommodation or to the Registrar's Office prior to their examinations. Students should also contact their instructors as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements for classes, assignments, and tests.

Courses with An On-Line Element

In this course we may be using Avenue to Learn, TopHat, Echo360, Turnitin.com, Diet and Wellness Plus (Nelson). Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of a course using these elements, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The



available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in a course that uses on-line elements will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure, please discuss this with the course instructor.

Online Proctoring

Some courses may use online proctoring software for tests and exams. This software may require students to turn on their video camera, present identification, monitor and record their computer activities, and/or lock/restrict their browser or other applications/software during tests or exams. This software may be required to be installed before the test/exam begins. If you have questions or concerns about the use of the proctoring software, please contact the Instructor.

Academic Integrity

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity.

It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty.

Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: “Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty”), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the [Academic Integrity Policy](https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-procedures-guidelines/), located at <https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-procedures-guidelines/>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

- plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one’s own or for which other credit has been obtained.
- improper collaboration in group work.
- copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

Authenticity / Plagiarism Detection

Some courses may use a web-based service (Turnitin.com) to reveal authenticity and ownership of student submitted work. For courses using such software, students will be expected to submit their work

electronically either directly to Turnitin.com or via an online learning platform (e.g. A2L, etc.) using plagiarism detection (a service supported by Turnitin.com) so it can be checked for academic dishonesty.

Students who do not wish their work to be submitted through the plagiarism detection software must inform the Instructor before the assignment is due. No penalty will be assigned to a student who does not submit work to the plagiarism detection software. **All submitted work is subject to normal verification that standards of academic integrity have been upheld** (e.g., on-line search, other software, etc.). For more details about McMaster's use of Turnitin.com please go to the [McMaster Office of Academic Integrity's](#) webpage.

Conduct Expectations

As a McMaster student, you have the right to experience, and the responsibility to demonstrate, respectful and dignified interactions within all our living, learning and working communities. These expectations are described in the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities \(the "Code"\)](#). All students share the responsibility of maintaining a positive environment for the academic and personal growth of all McMaster community members, **whether in person or online**.

It is essential that students be mindful of their interactions online, as the Code remains in effect in virtual learning environments. The Code applies to any interactions that adversely affect, disrupt, or interfere with reasonable participation in University activities. Student disruptions or behaviours that interfere with university functions on online platforms (e.g. use of Avenue 2 Learn, WebEx or Zoom for delivery), will be taken very seriously and will be investigated. Outcomes may include restriction or removal of the involved students' access to these platforms.

Senate Student Policies

[Students can view full policies here on the University Secretariat website.](#) Senate Policy Statements are also available from the Senate Secretariat Office, Room 104, and Gilmour Hall.

Student Code of Conduct

You acknowledge that your behavior in all aspects of this course should meet the standards of the McMaster University Student Code of Conduct. You understand that any inappropriate behavior directed against any of your colleagues, teaching assistants, or the instructional team will not be tolerated.

Disruptive behavior during any session (e.g. lecture, seminar, lab, tutorial) such as talking, sleeping or non-class computing while an individual presents information, or constantly being late, will also not be tolerated. Abuse, ridicule, slander, inappropriate language, and discrimination towards instructors teaching staff, teaching assistants and other students will not be tolerated in any capacity. Shared spaces including e-spaces such as the Avenue to Learn course discussion board are to be considered inclusive and safe. [For more information, please follow this link.](#)

Inclusivity and Academic Integrity

The University values integrity, inclusiveness and teamwork, and strives to support the personal and collective growth of the McMaster student community. These values are foundational to ensuring campus environments – both in-person and virtual – are conducive to personal wellbeing and academic success.

Inclusive Learning

McMaster University aims to foster a supportive and inclusive learning environment that encourages both individual and collective growth. Students are invited to speak with the Instructor immediately if they encounter any challenges related to accessing or using the technological requirements expected for successful participation in this course.

Copyright and Recording

Students are advised that lectures, demonstrations, performances, and any other course material provided by an instructor include copyright protected works. The Copyright Act and copyright law protect every original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic work, **including lectures** by University instructors. The recording of lectures, tutorials, or other methods of instruction may occur during a course. Recording may be done by either the instructor for the purpose of authorized distribution, or by a student for the purpose of personal study. Students should be aware that their voice and/or image may be recorded by others during the class. Please speak with the instructor if this is a concern for you.

Additional Copyright Information

In this course students will have access to material that is subject to copyright laws. This includes (but is not limited to) textbooks and all resources developed by the Instructor such as lab manuals, demonstration videos, quizzes, assignments, tests, class notes and class slides.

Students are not allowed to share or redistribute this material in any printed or electronic form without the explicit written consent of the copyright holder. This includes posting any course material on Internet bulletin boards, course repositories, social networks, etc.

Research Ethics

NA

Extreme Circumstances

The University reserves the right to change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances (e.g., severe weather, labour disruptions, etc.). Changes will be communicated through regular McMaster communication channels, such as McMaster Daily News, A2L and/or McMaster email.