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Course meets: MW 11:40am–1:00pm on Zoom
Course Website: [http://www.albany.edu/~mz498674/teaching.html](http://www.albany.edu/~mz498674/teaching.html)

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Office hours: F 11:40am–1:00pm on Zoom

1. Pandemic-related logistics

This class was originally scheduled to be “hybrid synchronous”, but has since changed to “all-online”. Honestly I think this will be easier (and obviously safer) for everyone involved. You can watch the lectures live on Zoom, and participate, or you can watch the recordings on your own time. I am very on-top of emails, and I encourage you to email me anytime you have a question (I know online lectures are sometimes not that conducive to people piping up with questions during the lecture).

2. Zoom logistics

The current plan is, I’ll send an email with the Zoom link before each class, so just pay attention to your email. If a better logistical plan emerges over the course of the semester I’ll let you know. The lectures will be recorded and my understanding is the recordings can be accessed via Zoom (if it turns out to be better for me to upload them to YouTube or something, this can change, but for now look at Zoom to find recorded lectures).

3. Office hours

Office hours will be F 11:40am–1:00pm, and will follow the same procedure as class, but will not be recorded. If you don’t have any office hours questions on a given day, just ignore the Zoom invite (I would discourage ‘showing up’ to office hours without any concrete questions).

4. Textbook

Fredrick M. Goodman *Algebra: Abstract and Concrete* [[link]](http://www.albany.edu/~mz498674/teaching.html)

5. Course description

“Basic concepts of groups, rings, integral domains, fields.”

6. Prerequisites

AMAT 220, AMAT 299, and AMAT 326 (or equivalent).

7. Homework/grading

There will be homework, a midterm exam, and a final exam. Homework will be posted on the course webpage, due every Friday (you can email me a scan/picture of your homework). No late work will be accepted. The lowest homework will be dropped. Homework is worth 40% of your grade, the midterm is 25%, and the final is 30% (with the remaining 5% for “participation”).
8. Policies

See university policies [here](#) (medical excuse policy), [here](#) (academic integrity), and the following (absence due to religious observance):

“Instructors must explicitly refer to New York State Education Law (Section 224-A) whereby campuses are required to excuse, without penalty, individual students absent because of religious beliefs, and to provide equivalent opportunities for make-up examinations, study, or work requirements missed because of such absences. Faculty should work directly with students to accommodate religious observances. Students should notify the instructor of record in a timely manner.”