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1. Textbook

None officially required. I'll probably use some things like Meier's *Groups, Graphs & Trees*, Geoghegan's *Topological Methods in Group Theory*, and various freely available research papers.

2. Course description

The topic will generally be Thompson’s groups.

3. Prerequisites

It would help to have had graduate-level topology and group theory.

4. Homework/Grading

This will function like a topics seminar, so there’s no homework, it will all be pretty informal. I’ll probably have everyone pick a topic and give a presentation on it at the end of the semester.

5. Policies

See university policies [here](http://www.albany.edu/~mz498674/teaching.html) (medical excuse policy), [here](http://www.albany.edu/~mz498674/teaching.html) (academic integrity), and the following (absence due to religious observance):

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