MATHS 311
Algebraic Structures

Section: 001, 10:00-10:50 MWF, RB 129

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Office Hours: MTWF, 2-3 p.m. and by appointment

Homework: Homework problems will be assigned once a week (generally on Friday) and due (generally) a week later. Bring to class your written homework and a separate written list of questions you have on the homework. Homework will be turned in at the beginning of class and then discussed. Homework problems may be discussed with other students, but all written work must be prepared independently. NO LATE HOMEWORK (for obvious reasons).

Exams: Two mid-terms and a comprehensive final exam.
   Exam 1: 21 September
   Exam 2: 26 October
   Final Exam: Tuesday, 11 December, 9:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Tests are "closed book." No make-up tests. No missed tests without documentation of exceptional circumstances. Calculators are allowed on tests, but may not be particularly helpful.

Grade: Homework & class participation 15%
   Mid-terms 25% each
   Final 35%
   (or, if a test was missed, 20%, 30% and 50%)

One or more grades may be curved to compensate for an exceptionally difficult test.


Reading: Any reading assignments will be announced in advance. You will be expected to have read the material before class.

Topics: Chapters 1-4; 5.1,2; 6.1,2; 7.1-5

Attendance Policy: class attendance is expected, as is class participation. A portion of the homework grade, as mentioned above, comes from Class Participation. There will be no formal penalty for missing lectures, other than the fact that if it is a chronic problem, slack shall not be cut for you when test time arrives. I will concentrate my efforts on those students who are putting forth significant effort of their own. You have been warned!

Other Information: If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.