Discrete Systems
Spring Semester 2001

Course  Math 215 Section 2  TR 3:30 – 5:15 pm  RB 129
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Office Hours  Tue 5:30 – 6:20 pm, Wed 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Thu 5:30 – 6:20 pm, and by appointment.
Prerequisites  Math 165
Contents  This course will cover most of the first seven chapters of the textbook.
Homework  Homework assignments will be made as we go along. A designated selection of the assignments will be collected weekly (Tuesdays). Late homework will not be accepted.
         When submitting exercises make sure to have your name and course number on it in order to be eligible for credit. Please staple your solutions.
         One of the goals of this course is to learn how to write proofs. Therefore, never submit the first draft of your homework. Instead, neatly rewrite your ideas into logically complete arguments, which could be easily read and understood by a classmate.
         The assignments (including hints to selected problems) will be available online at above web site.
Examinations  There will be three (in-class) midterm examinations. The comprehensive final exam will be on Friday, May 4, 2:15 – 4:15 pm. All exams must be taken at their scheduled time; the only exception being a verifiable illness or family emergency, of which you must inform your instructor before the test.
Evaluation  Each of the three midterm exams is 20% of your grade and the final exam represents 25%. Homework accounts for the remaining 15%.
         The approximate grading scale (in percent) is:
         A: 90 – 100, B: 80 – 90, C: 70 – 80, D: 60 – 70, F: below 60.
**Time Table**  A tentative schedule is attached. See above web site for changes and updates.

**Deadlines**  The last day to change a course is Friday, January 12.  
The first course–withdrawal period ends on Wednesday, February 7.  
The second course–withdrawal period ends on Thursday, March 15.

**General Remarks**  
(1) Students are expected to use their textbook to read upcoming sections ahead of time. Be always up to date!

(2) It takes time to digest and master new abstract concepts. Expect to study for a minimum of two to three hours outside of class for each hour in class.

(3) Everybody is strongly encouraged to form study groups with classmates. However, credit should be claimed only for one’s own work.

(4) If you are a student with a disability please feel free to bring forward any suggestions which might help accommodating your needs.