

## COURSE POLICY FOR *SM362*

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**Text:** Contemporary Abstract Algebra, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, by Joseph Gallian.

**Syllabus:** See the syllabus for day by day details of which Sections will be covered.

**Homework:** This consists of problems from the text, together with some Supplementary Problems. Both are listed on the syllabus. I will collect the HW, or give a quiz on it, or both!

**EI:** This will be by appointment. Note also that *Math Lab* (in Preble 307) provides *walk in EI*, Mon. - Fri., Periods 1-6. Note I am in *Math Lab* Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> period.

**Remarks:** *Homework is KEY for your grades:* you are ready for an exam if you can, *unaided*, write out correct solutions to the Homework problems in 15 minutes or less each. If you need your notes, or help from someone, you should later redo the problem until you can meet the above criterion.

**Quizzes:** Short quizzes will be given with *little or no warning*. Quizzes may *not* be announced. If you miss a quiz due to a legitimate absence, it will be ignored in the grading. It is your responsibility to find out if quizzes were announced in your absence.

**Exams:** There will be 3 (50 minute) exams and a final. In general, there are no makeup exams. Arrange to be in class on these days. You are *required to bring BLUE BOOKS* to all exams.

\*\* Exam 1: **Mon. Feb. 7**

\*\* Exam 2: **Wed. Mar. 9**

\*\* Exam 3: **Mon. Apr. 18**

Final: between May 3 and May 10.

**Grades:** My numerical scheme is:

Exam 1,2,3: 50 pts. each x 3	=	150
Quizzes& Homework: approximately		50
Final		<u>100</u>
Total		300

Your point total will be divided by 300 to get a percentage. In general

90%, 80%, 70%, 60% guarantee, respectively an

A, B, C, D. Additional generosity is possible, but subject to the whim of the instructor. Work hard and do well!