

Math 545, Winter 2008

Course Syllabus, Call # 22839

Title:	Abstract Algebra I
Text:	<i>Contemporary Abstract Algebra</i> , 6th edition by Joseph Gallian.
Classroom:	JB 385
Meeting time:	6–8 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays
Instructor:	Dr. Corey Dunn
Dr. Dunn's Office:	JB 322
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Dr. Dunn's Phone:	(909) 537-5368
Final Exam Date:	Thursday 3/20, 6–8 PM in our classroom
Midterm Exam:	Thursday, 2/7.
Other Important Dates:	1/21, NO CLASSES! Yay!
Office Hours:	3:30-5:30 PM on Tu and Th, or by appointment.

General Information

1. **Information on Grading:** The grade breakdown will be as follows:

Homework Average:	50%
Exam:	20%
Final Exam:	30%

The grading scale is 90-100% = A, 80-90% = B, 70-80% = C, 60-70% = D.
Usually + and - appears at the top and bottom of each range.

2. **Information on course content:** We will cover most of chapters 1–11 from the book.
3. **Information on Homework:** Homework will be due on Thursday of each week. As the course goes on, I will list homework problems from each section for you to do and turn in. After we complete a section in class, that section's problems will be due. On the last class period of the week you are to turn

in the problems from all sections that we completed. Usually we will cover a few sections a week, and I will announce for sure which sections you need to turn in well in advance (um, I forget to do this quite often as I get so excited to talk math with you all, please ask me if you'd like to know exactly what is due just in case I forget, it is much appreciated). This doesn't mean that you should wait for then to do any work. You should be reviewing the class' lecture and be working on homework all week. Actually, as boring as it sounds, it's a great idea to make sure you keep up with the class, and not fall behind. If you work on it every day, you'll also be able to better take advantage of my office hours, which are listed at the top of this sheet. One homework assignment will be dropped and the rest will be averaged to count towards 50% of your final grade. As you can see, I consider homework completion to be a large part of your overall understanding of the course material. Late homework is not accepted. If you know you're not going to get your assignment in on time, or if something comes up, then let me know ahead of time and we might be able to work something out just talk to me about it. Each homework assignment will be worth 100 points.

4. **Information on Exams:** There will be one midterm exam. The date is above, and it will probably take place during the first hour of class time – don't assume the test is during the last hour and come late, I'll be collecting everyone's exams at the same time.
5. **Information on the Final Exam:** The final exam will be cumulative, at the date given above.
6. **General information regarding the class:** I can guarantee that if YOU are the person whose cell phone goes off, then everyone will know it. PLEASE save yourself the embarrassment of your cell phone going off by turning it on silent before class starts. It's embarrassing to you, and disruptive to the class.

If you are in need of an accommodation for a disability in order to participate in this class, please let me know ASAP and also contact Services to Students with Disabilities at UH-183, (909)537-5238.

In general, I think this course is going to be awesome! I really can't stress enough how important it will be to stay on top of your homework and to see me when you have difficulties. This is the only reason I have office hours, and, unless there is an unavoidable conflict, I will always be there. Email is the best way to contact me, as I check it often. Good luck, and ROCK ON!!!