

Math 555, Fall 2008

Course Syllabus, Call # 83486

Title:	Introduction to Point-Set Topology
Text:	<i>Topology, 2nd edition</i> , by James R. Munkres.
Classroom:	JB 383
Meeting time:	6-7:50 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays
Instructor:	Dr. Corey Dunn
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Scheduled Final Exam:	Thursday December 11th, 6-7:50 PM
Midterm Exam Date:	Thursday 10/30
Other Important Dates:	11/11, Veteran's Day, no classes! 11/27, Thanksgiving, no classes!!! Yay!
Office Hours:	4-6 Mondays and Wednesdays, or by appointment.
Course Website:	http://www.math.csusb.edu/faculty/dunn/555-084/555-084.html (a copy of this syllabus may be found there)

General Information

1. **Information on Grading:** The grading will be on a standard percentage basis, with the ranges of A for 90-100%, B for 80-89%, C for 70-79%, etc. The grades will be computed as follows:

Homework Average:	30%
Midterm:	30%
Final Exam:	40%

2. **Information on Homework:** I will assign problems from the book and also make up some problems myself. Most of these will be proof-type problems and usually I will collect homework once per week on Thursdays. There may be exceptions depending on the pace of the class. The lowest homework score will be dropped, and the rest will be averaged to account for 30% of your final grade.
3. **Information on Exams:** There will be one midterm exam which begins at the start of class. The date is above—don't assume the test is during the last hour and come late, I'll be collecting everyone's exams at the same time.
4. **Information on the Final Exam:** The final exam will be cumulative, at the date given above.

5. **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. Not vibrate-silent mode. 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.

The 25-35 Student Advice: Study 25 hours a week if you are taking three courses, 35 if you are taking four. This is about 2 hours/unit/week. Time in class and studying is equivalent to a 40-50 hour work week; quite reasonable. Make sure you are learning. You know something if you can talk about it and teach it to someone else. If you cant, you dont. Test yourself before exams; dont let the instructor be the first to test your knowledge. Plan to graduate in four years.

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!!!