Math 240 - Lecture 1: Introduction to Discrete Mathematics

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Office hours: Mondays/Wednesday/Fridays 9:55-10:45 a.m., or contact me after class or by email. You should also consult your TA’s office hours.


Homework: Assigned each Wednesday at the beginning of lecture and due the following Wednesday at the beginning of lecture to a TA in the back of the lecture hall. Homework is the most important part of this class, so you should expect to spend a considerable amount of time on it. You must prepare your homework assignments on your own (but are encouraged to work on similar problems with others). There will be no credit for copied or (unexcused) late homework. Valid excuses for late homework include illness or family emergency. Your homework should be stapled and include your TA’s name and TA section number.

Exams: Two midterm exams (Mondays, February 29 and April 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m.) and one final exam (Wednesday, May 11, 7:45-9:45 a.m.). Make-up exams will be allowed only for unavoidable conflicts and with the instructor’s (not the TA’s) permission. No calculators or other electronic devices will be allowed during exams.

Grades: Based 20% on the graded part of the homework, 20% each on each of the two midterm exams, and 40% on the final exam.

Syllabus: We will cover most of chapters 1-6 and small parts of chapters 7-11 of our textbook.

Getting Extra Help
You have a number of options:
1. Office hours of your TA and the instructor
2. Greater University Tutoring Service (GUTS):
   See http://guts.studentorg.wisc.edu/
3. Private tutors:
   See http://www.math.wisc.edu/tutors?field_tutor_type_value=Math