

Texas A&M University, Central Texas, Fall 2018
MATH 3301-110: Number Theory, CRN 80384
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Good communication is the key to success. If some of my instructions are not clear, or if you're stuck on a problem, please don't hesitate at all to text me. I also strongly encourage you to study and do homework together (either face-to-face or via text/chat/skype)

Most reliable contact methods:

- (1) **Canvas email**
- (2) **Send text to email:** thron@tamuct.edu (fastest response)
- (3) **Google hangouts:** chris.thron@gmail.com (for screen-sharing calls)
- (4) **Cell phone: (512)293-0715** If you call my cell phone, leave a message, and I'll try to get right back to you. I don't answer my cell phone unless I recognize the number (too many junk calls).

Class Assistant: Katrina Weis (kw027@my.tamuct.edu) will be assisting during class times. She also has office hours (by appointment) from 1-3 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs.

Tutoring center: Jesse Cox (jc099@my.tamuct.edu) Jesse took the class last year and did very well, so he is a good resource. I will also be working closely with him. Jesse's **hours** are Monday 11:30-3:30 and Tuesday 8-2.

Office Hours: My on-campus hours during Fall 2018 (Except for 9/25-11/1) are:

- Tuesdays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Thursdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

If I'm not in my office, please call my cell (512) 293 0715 and leave a voicemail. I should be able to get back to you within 10 minutes.

1 Mode of instruction and course access: This is a web-enhanced course. From September 25-November 1 (6 weeks), the course will function as an online class. For the other 10 weeks, the class will meet on campus according to the schedule.

This course uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>].

Course homework is handed in on Gradescope (www.gradescope.com). Set up your account as follows:

Go to gradescope.com
Click "Sign up for free"
Choose "I am a student"
Enter "Course Entry Code": **93J5YD**
Enter name, email, and student ID
Click "Sign up as a student"

2 Course Overview:

Properties of integers, integers mod n , and complex numbers; divisibility, the Division Algorithm, the Euclidean Algorithm, factorization, the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, linear Diophantine equations, congruence, modular arithmetic and cryptography, sets and functions, summation notation and basic sums.

Prerequisite: College Algebra; Calculus I and II are strongly encouraged.

3 Competency Goal Statements:

Upon successfully completing MATH 3301, students should be able to do the following:

- comprehend and apply definitions of abstract algebraic concepts;
- state and write rigorous proofs of related mathematical theorems according to the standards of mathematics;
- perform computations related to the material;
- demonstrate the use of the theoretical results and computational aspects on required applications; and
- connect the material to other courses.

4 Course Delivery:

This class is officially listed as a “Web-enhanced” lecture course (11-49% online activity). The class will meet twice a week throughout the semester (except when the instructor is out of town). The class follows a “flipped” format, in which lectures are available by video and class time is devoted to interactive activities.

5 Required Materials

All materials are online. The main resources are:

- Hill and Thron (eds.), *Elementary Abstract Algebra: Examples and Applications*

The text main web page is:

abstractalgebra.altervista.org

Text is available in .pdf, .html, and print versions. It is recommended that you use the HTML text.

The .pdf and .html versions have links to videos on YouTube.

6 Course Requirements

- Class quizzes (30%). Some classes will begin with a 10-minute quiz. The instructor will announce these (and describe the quiz content), either by Canvas announcement or during the previous class period. Quizzes will consist of 1-2 questions.
- Homework problems (30%). These will be due approximately once every two weeks. Expect to spend 6-8 hours per week outside of class in doing homework, or reading/watching material to prepare you for the class quiz.
- Exams (40%). There are 2 in-class exams of weight 20% each. Each in-class exam has two parts, which will be administered on two separate days.

Please note:

If your overall point total is within 1 point of the next highest grade level, I will increase your grade if you

have turned in all assigned work. Otherwise, I will go strictly by the numbers. That means that if your average is 89.99 and you didn't do all the homework, you'll still get a B.

7 Grading Policies

Late work will be accepted only in case of medical or family emergency, and written verification is required. The only exception to this rule is when I extend the deadline for the entire class. Even when written verification is given, the maximum grade for late work is 70%.

If the student wishes to appeal a grade, he/she must do so within *1 week* of receiving the graded paper. *Students should save all their work* to ensure that no clerical errors are made in grade reporting. Periodically during the semester, I will release a complete record of your grades so far in the class. If I have made a recording error, you may bring the paper to me and I will record it correctly.

Partial credit for homework/quiz/exam questions will be awarded as follows:

100% Perfect, or inessential misprints

90% Shows complete understanding of the underlying concept or procedure -- careless, minor or technical mistakes

75% General understanding of the underlying concept or procedure -- significant progress towards solution (more than 75% complete)

50% Makes some progress towards solution (problem setup and some application of relevant principles)

25% Shows some familiarity with relevant concepts

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8 Student Concerns

In general, student concerns about this course should be addressed to the instructor. If the student wants to remain confidential, concerns may be raised with the Dean of Arts and Sciences, who will guarantee confidentiality.

9 Syllabus Updates

During the course of the semester, the instructor may find it necessary to modify certain portions of this syllabus. The instructors will only make modifications that he feels are necessary to ensure that the students learn the material well. Students will be notified via email if the syllabus is updated. The syllabus posted on Canvas will always be updated to be current.

10 Agreement

By taking this class, the student signifies his/her agreement to abide by all the conditions of this syllabus.

11 Course Calendar Fall 2018

| Topic | All Homework due |
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| Chapter 1, Preliminaries | Wednesday September 5 by midnight |
| Chapter 2, Complex numbers (2.1–2.4) | Tuesday September 18 by midnight |
| Chapter 3, Modular arithmetic (3.1-3.5) | Tuesday October 2 by midnight |
| Chapter 4, Set theory | Wednesday October 10 by midnight |

| TEST 1, October 16,18 in class (parts 1 and 2) | |
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| Chapter 5, Functions | Wednesday, October 31 by midnight |
| Chapter 6, Introduction to Cryptography | Wednesday, November 7 by midnight |
| Chapter 7, Sigma notation (7.1-7.5) | Wednesday, November 21 by midnight |
| Chapter 8, Polynomials (8.1-8.6) | Tuesday, December 4 by midnight |
| TEST 2, week of December 9 | |

12 Standard syllabus stuff

The following is standard university material which you've probably seen in other course syllabi at TAMUCT.

Important University Dates: See <https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>].

Username: Your MyCT username (xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address)

Password: Your MyCT password

Technology Support.

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

Web Chat: [<http://hdc.tamu.edu>]

Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

For issues with Canvas, select "chat with Canvas support," submit a support request to Canvas Tier 1, or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953, links to all are found inside of Canvas using the "Help" link.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

911 Cellular:Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas

911Cellular is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in 911Cellular through their myCT email account.

Connect at 911Cellular [<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in 911Cellular, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

Drop Policy.

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a Drop Request Form [https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf].

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the University Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Academic Integrity.

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

Tutoring.

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. On-campus subjects tutored include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 519-5796, or by emailing Dr. DeEadra Albert-Green at deadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive FREE online tutoring and writing support. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas. Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log-in and receive FREE online tutoring and writing support. This tool provides tutoring in over forty subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

Academic Accommodations.

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier free education. The Department of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the University's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable

accommodations please contact the Department of Access and Inclusion at (254) 501-5831. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our Access & Inclusion webpage [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html>].

Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students.

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit the Student Affairs web page [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html>]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator. Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. For more information, please visit <https://www.tamuct.departments/index.php>. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>].

The University Writing Center.

Located in 416 Warrior Hall, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University-Central Texas is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10am-5pm Monday-Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library on Mondays from 6:00-9:00pm. Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via WOnline [<https://tamuct.mywconline.com/>]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu to schedule an online tutoring session. Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process.

While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet

place to work, the University Writing Center is here to help!

If you have any questions about the University Writing Center, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu.

University Library.

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 72,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On-campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available twenty-four hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our Library website [<https://tamuct.libguides.com/>].