MATH 5520.001 – Modern Algebra
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Please use e-mail as the primary means of contacting me. I will reply within one business day. Feel free to request office hours via Zoom.

Course Description
Groups and their generalizations; homomorphism and isomorphism theories; direct sums and products; orderings; abelian groups and their invariants.

Textbook
Dummit and Foote: Abstract Algebra, 3rd edition, Wiley 2004

Course Requirements

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Grading
Your course percentage $S$ determines your grade as follows:

- $90 \leq S \leq 100$: A
- $75 \leq S < 90$: B
- $60 \leq S < 75$: C
- $50 \leq S < 60$: D
- $S < 50$: F
Homework Assignments

Homeworks will be graded according to correctness, neatness, elegance, style and honesty.

- **Correctness** entails correct mathematical arguments leading to a full solution, precise use of mathematical notation, correct logic and correct use of the English language (“so that” is not the same as “such that”).
- **Neatness** means that I can read your handwriting, your page layout is great, and your grammar is impeccable.
- **Elegance** means that your arguments are as short and simple as possible. A correct proof which is twice as long as necessary will see points deducted. Do not reinvent the wheel; make efficient use of the theorems you learned in class (but not of future theorems).
- **Style** means that you communicate mathematics using the generally accepted conventions and lingo. Don’t invent your own symbol for the real numbers. Stick to commonly used wording so that your writing does not distract from the content.
- **Honesty** means that you have not copied your solution from the Internet. I can usually tell quickly if you do. It is very tempting to get help online – try to resist. The struggle is precisely where you learn. An incomplete, honest homework will get you more points then a complete, copied solution.

Exam Dates

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If you know you will be missing an exam, you must let me know as soon as possible before the exam takes place. Legitimate and documented absences will receive accommodation, either in the form of a make-up exam, or in the form of the score on the final replacing the score on the missed exam.
Course Policies

Attendance
This is a face-to-face class. You are expected to attend all classes and to not miss any announcements made in class.

Absences
If you miss a class, please try to catch up by reading the book and getting notes from classmates. Do not expect recordings or videos.

Assignments and Due Dates
You will find these on Canvas. Please upload pictures of your solutions.

Late Work
Late assignments will generally not be accepted.

Calculators
Not necessary, and not allowed.

Exams
No notes, books or electronic gadgets of any kind.

Syllabus Change Policy
I will let you know should anything in this syllabus change.
Welcome to UNT!

As members of the UNT community, we have all made a commitment to be part of an institution that respects and values the identities of the students and employees with whom we interact. UNT does not tolerate identity-based discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. UNT’s full Non-Discrimination Policy can be found in the UNT Policies section of the syllabus.

Rules of Engagement

Rules of engagement refer to the way students are expected to interact with each other and with their instructors. Here are some general guidelines:

- While the freedom to express yourself is a fundamental human right, any communication that utilizes cruel and derogatory language on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law will not be tolerated.
- Treat your instructor and classmates with respect in any communication online or face-to-face, even when their opinion differs from your own.
- Ask for and use the correct name and pronouns for your instructor and classmates.
- Speak from personal experiences. Use “I” statements to share thoughts and feelings. Try not to speak on behalf of groups or other individual’s experiences.
- Use your critical thinking skills to challenge other people’s ideas, instead of attacking individuals.
- Avoid using all caps while communicating digitally. This may be interpreted as “YELLING!”
- Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm in emails or discussion posts as tone can be difficult to interpret digitally.
- Avoid using “text-talk” unless explicitly permitted by your instructor.
- Proofread and fact-check your sources.
- Keep in mind that online posts can be permanent, so think first before you type.

See these Engagement Guidelines (https://clear.unt.edu/online-communication-tips) for more information.

COVID

Face Coverings
UNT encourages everyone to wear a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to protect yourself and others from COVID infection, as recommended by current CDC guidelines. Face covering guidelines could change based on community health conditions.
Symptoms
If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or askSHWC@unt.edu) or your health care provider PRIOR to coming to campus. UNT also requires you to contact the UNT COVID Team at COVID@unt.edu for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure.

Course Materials for Remote Instruction
Remote instruction may be necessary if community health conditions change or you need to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Students will need access to appropriate technology as specified by the instructor (e.g. webcam and microphone) to participate in fully remote portions of the class. Information on how to be successful in a remote learning environment can be found at https://online.unt.edu/learn

Online Course System
The University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, part of working in the online environment involves dealing with the inconveniences and frustration that can arise when technology breaks down or does not perform as expected. Here at UNT we have a Student Help Desk that you can contact for help with Canvas or other technology issues.

UIT Help Desk: UIT Student Help Desk site (https://www.unt.edu/helpdesk)
Email: helpdesk@unt.edu
Phone: 940-565-2324
In Person: Sage Hall, Room 130
Walk-in Availability: 8am-9pm
Telephone Availability:
  • Sunday: noon-midnight
  • Monday-Thursday: 8am-midnight
  • Friday: 8am-8pm
  • Saturday: 9am-5pm
Laptop Checkout: 8am-7pm

For additional support, visit Canvas Technical Help (https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328)

UNT Policies
Academic Integrity Policy
According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A
finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

**ADA Policy**
UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one’s specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the [ODA website](https://disability.unt.edu/).

**Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Policy 16.004)**
The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

**Emergency Notification & Procedures**
UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Canvas for contingency plans for covering course materials.

**Retention of Student Records**
Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student’s records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University’s policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

**Acceptable Student Behavior**
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable
behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT’s Code of Student Conduct (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) to learn more.

**Access to Information - Eagle Connect**

Students’ access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: my.unt.edu. All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student’s Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail Eagle Connect (https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect).

**Student Evaluation Administration Dates**

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website (http://spot.unt.edu/) or email spot@unt.edu.

**Survivor Advocacy**

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct. Federal laws and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-5652648.

**Important Notice for F-1 Students taking Distance Education Courses**

**Federal Regulation**

To read detailed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations for F-1 students taking online courses, please go to the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website (http://www.ecfr.gov/). The specific portion concerning distance education courses is located at Title 8 CFR 214.2 Paragraph (f)(6)(i)(G).

The paragraph reads:

(G) For F-1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to
completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is
offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission
including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio
conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F-1 student's course of study is in a
language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be
considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

University of North Texas Compliance

To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States
may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This
component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include
activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture
or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this
course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student’s responsibility to do the
following:

(1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential
component within one week of the start of the course.

(2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it
in writing with a notice sent to the International Student and Scholar Services Office.
ISSS has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student
is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential
component for this course, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and
Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email
internationaladvising@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

Student Verification
UNT takes measures to protect the integrity of educational credentials awarded to
students enrolled in distance education courses by verifying student identity,
protecting student privacy, and notifying students of any special meeting
times/locations or additional charges associated with student identity verification in
distance education courses.

See UNT Policy 07-002 Student Identity Verification, Privacy, and Notification and
Distance Education Courses (https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002).

Use of Student Work
A student owns the copyright for all work (e.g. software, photographs, reports,
presentations, and email postings) he or she creates within a class and the
University is not entitled to use any student work without the student’s permission
unless all of the following criteria are met:

- The work is used only once.
- The work is not used in its entirety.
- Use of the work does not affect any potential profits from the work.
The student is not identified.
The work is identified as student work.

If the use of the work does not meet all of the above criteria, then the University office or department using the work must obtain the student’s written permission.

Download the UNT System Permission, Waiver and Release Form

**Transmission and Recording of Student Images in Electronically-Delivered Courses**

1. No permission is needed from a student for his or her image or voice to be transmitted live via videoconference or streaming media, but all students should be informed when courses are to be conducted using either method of delivery.

2. In the event an instructor records student presentations, he or she must obtain permission from the student using a signed release in order to use the recording for future classes in accordance with the Use of Student-Created Work guidelines above.

3. Instructors who video-record their class lectures with the intention of re-using some or all of recordings for future class offerings must notify students on the course syllabus if students' images may appear on video. Instructors are also advised to provide accommodation for students who do not wish to appear in class recordings.

   Example: This course employs lecture capture technology to record class sessions. Students may occasionally appear on video. The lecture recordings will be available to you for study purposes and may also be reused in future course offerings.

No notification is needed if only audio and slide capture is used or if the video only records the instructor's image. However, the instructor is encouraged to let students know the recordings will be available to them for study purposes.

**Class Recordings & Student Likenesses**

In case synchronous (live) sessions in this course will be recorded for students enrolled in this class section to refer to throughout the semester: Class recordings are the intellectual property of the university or instructor and are reserved for use only by students in this class and only for educational purposes. Students may not post or otherwise share the recordings outside the class, or outside the Canvas Learning Management System, in any form. Failing to follow this restriction is a violation of the UNT Code of Student Conduct and could lead to disciplinary action.
Academic Support & Student Services

Student Support Services

*Mental Health*

UNT provides mental health resources to students to help ensure there are numerous outlets to turn to that wholeheartedly care for and are there for students in need, regardless of the nature of an issue or its severity. Listed below are several resources on campus that can support your academic success and mental well-being:

- [Student Health and Wellness Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center)
- [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
- [UNT Care Team](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care)
- [UNT Psychiatric Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry)
- [Individual Counseling](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling)

*Chosen Names*

A chosen name is a name that a person goes by that may or may not match their legal name. If you have a chosen name that is different from your legal name and would like that to be used in class, please let the instructor know. Below is a list of resources for updating your chosen name at UNT.

- [UNT Records](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)
- [UNT ID Card](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)
- [UNT Email Address](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)
- [Legal Name](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)

*UNT euIDs cannot be changed at this time. The collaborating offices are working on a process to make this option accessible to UNT community members.*

*Pronouns*

Pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) are a public way for people to address you, much like your name, and can be shared with a name when making an introduction, both virtually and in-person. Just as we ask and don’t assume someone’s name, we should also ask and not assume someone’s pronouns.

You can [add your pronouns to your Canvas account](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/) so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc.

Below is a list of additional resources regarding pronouns and their usage:

- [What are pronouns and why are they important?](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)
- [How do I use pronouns?](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)
- [How do I share my pronouns?](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)
- [How do I ask for another person’s pronouns?](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)
- [How do I correct myself or others when the wrong pronoun is used?](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)
Additional Student Support Services

- Registrar (https://registrar.unt.edu/registration)
- Financial Aid (https://financialaid.unt.edu/)
- Student Legal Services (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services)
- Career Center (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center)
- Multicultural Center (https://idea.unt.edu/multicultural-center)
- Counseling and Testing Services (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
- Pride Alliance (https://idea.unt.edu/pridealliance)
- UNT Food Pantry (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/food-pantry)

Academic Support Services

Academic Resource Center (https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources)
Academic Success Center (https://success.unt.edu/asc)
UNT Libraries (https://library.unt.edu/)
Writing Center (https://writingcenter.unt.edu/)
Math Lab (https://learningcenter.unt.edu/math-lab)

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