



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS COURSE OUTLINE

Course: PMAT 315 - Algebra I

Dates: January 09, 2017 – April 12, 2017

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Lecture	Day	Time	Location	Instructor	Office	Phone	Email	Office Hours
01	MWF	11:00-11:50	ST 131	Prof Brenken	MS 440	220-3948	bbrenken@ucalgary.ca	By appointment

Desire 2 Learn (D2L) course name: PMAT 315 L01 – (Winter 2017) – Algebra I

Department of Mathematics and Statistics – MS476 Telephone number – 403-220-5210

2. **Prerequisites:** One of Mathematics 211 or 213 or 221.

Notes: Mathematics 271 or 273 is strongly recommended as preparation for this course.

Antirequisites: Credit for both Pure Mathematics 315 and 317 will not be allowed.

See <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/pure-mathematics.html>

3. **Grading:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described sections F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Assignments (5)	25%
Midterm Tests (1)	25% (Th, Mar 9, 2017 in tutorial)
Final Examination	50% (To be scheduled by the Registrar)

Each piece of work (assignment, midterm test or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a percentage score. The final percentage score for the course will be a weighted grade point average of the individual percentage scores, using the weighting factors specified above. The conversion between course percentage and letter grade is given below.

Letter Grade Conversions	
Letter Grade	% range
A+	>95
A	88–94.5
A-	84–87.5
B+	80–83.5
B	76–79.5
B-	72–75.5
C+	68–71.5
C	64–67.5
C-	60–63.5
D+	55–59.5
D	50–54.5
F	<50

A passing grade on the final examination is required for an overall grade of C- or above.

4. **Missed Components of Term Work:** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in [Section 3.6](#). It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also Section E.6 of the University Calendar. In the unlikely event of a health problem, the [Physician/Counsellor Statement Form](#) must be accompanied by either "[Application for Deferred Final Examinations](#)" or an "[Application for Deferment of Term Work](#)" in order to gain approval for such request. For all other missed term work such as quizzes, assignments or midterms, the [Physician/Counsellor Form](#) must be handed directly to your course instructor for approval.
5. **Outside Activities:** no class activities will be held outside class hours.
6. **Course Materials: Textbook:** W. K. Nicholson, *Introduction to Abstract Algebra*, 4th edition, Wiley, 2012
7. **Examination Policy:** Examinations are closed book. No calculators or formula sheets are allowed. Students should also read [Section G](#) on Examinations in the Calendar.
8. **Writing across the curriculum statement:** In this course, the quality of the student's writing in assignments will be a factor in the evaluation of those assignments. See also [Section E.2](#) of the University Calendar.
9. **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:**
 - (a) **Academic Misconduct:** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under [Section K](#). Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties
 - (b) **Assembly Points:** In case of an emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on [assembly points](#).
 - (c) **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links: [Calendar entry on students with disabilities](#) and [Student Accessibility Services](#). Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Associate Head of Mathematics and Statistics, Jim Stallard, by email at jbstall@ucalgary.ca or by phone at 403-220-3953.
 - (d) **Safewalk:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call 403-220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
 - (e) **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.

(f) Student Union Information: VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 Email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca.
SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 Email: sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca; [Student Ombudsman](#).

(g) Internet and Electronic Device Information: You can assume that in all classes that you attend, your cell phone should be turned off unless instructed otherwise. Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.

(h) At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

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