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## PURE MATHEMATICS 427 "NUMBER THEORY"

**Calendar Description:** H(3-1T)

Induction principles. Division Algorithm. Prime factorization theorem. Congruences. Arithmetic functions. Diophantine equations. Continued fractions.

**Prerequisite:** Pure Mathematics 315 or consent of the Division.

**Suggested Text:** "Fundamental Number Theory with Applications," R.A. Mollin, CRC Press, Boca Raton, New York, London, Tokyo, (1997).

### *Syllabus*

#### Topics

- Ch. 1 Arithmetic of the Integers: The fundamental laws. Divisibility. Prime Numbers. Applications to Computer Science.
- Ch. 2 Congruences: Basics. Linear Congruences. Arithmetic functions. The Chinese remainder theorem. Polynomial congruences.
- Ch. 3 Primitive Roots: Order. Existence. Indices. Applications to cryptography.
- Ch. 4 Quadratic Residues: Quadratic reciprocity law. Jacobi and Kronecker symbols. Quadratic polynomials and primes. Applications to primality testing.
- Ch. 5 Continued Fractions: Finite continued fractions. Infinite continued fractions. Periodic continued fractions. Continued fractions and factoring.
- Ch. 6 Diophantine Equations: Sums of squares. The equation  $x^2 - Dy^2 = n$ . Diophantine equations of higher degree. Elliptic curves, factoring and primality testing.

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