

**Math 417**  
**Spring 2018**

**Lecture:**

MTH 417  
Location: A304 Wells Hall  
Schedule: days: M W F, MWF 11:30am - 12:20pm

**Instructor:**

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**Textbook:** Jones and Jones, Elementary number theory (Springer Undergraduate Mathematics Series), Corrected Edition, ISBN-13: 978-3540761976

**Homework:**

There will be 6 homework assignments, distributed and graded every other week. You are allowed to talk with other students about the homework, but your final version must be in your own words.

**Exam Schedule:**

First Midterm Exam: Friday, February 9, 11:30am - 12:20pm, A304 Wells Hall  
Second Midterm Exam: Friday, March 16, 11:30am - 12:20pm, A304 Wells Hall  
Final Exam: Thursday, May 3, 12:45pm - 2:45pm, A304 Wells Hall

**Grades:**

Your final grade will be determined by a curve based on the total number of points you achieved. Each of the homework assignments is worth 50 points, the Midterm Exams are worth 75 points each, and the Final Exam is worth 150 points. The total number of points for the whole class is 600.

Provisional grading scale: 4.0 is above 500pts, 3.5 is 420 to 500 pts, 3.0 is 360 to 420 pts and 2.5 is 300 to 360 pts.

**Missed Exams:**

Missed exams will count as 0 points. Only under very rare circumstances (such as illness with a doctor's written excuse) will a make-up exam be given.

All students are required to take the scheduled Final Exam. The university has strict requirements for exceptions.

**Important dates for Spring 2018:**

Monday 01/08/2018: Classes Begin.

Monday 01/08/2018: Late Enrollment Fee Begins.

Monday 01/15/2018: Martin Luther King Day - University open, classes cancelled.

Friday 02/02/2018: End of Tuition Refund Period

Wednesday 02/28/2018: Middle of Semester. Last day to drop a course without a grade being reported.

Monday 03/05/2018 to Friday 03/09/2018: Spring Break

Friday 04/27/2016: Last day of classes.