

Lecture: MWF 10:20 to 11:10 AM in A236 Wells Hall

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Office Hours: MW 11:30 AM to 12:20 PM

Text: *A Walk Through Combinatorics*, 4thed., Miklos Bona, WSPC 2016, ISBN13: 978-9813237452.

Evaluation: There will be two in-class exam (100 points each), at least ten quizzes (200 points) and a final exam (100 points). So there are 500 total points in this course. The grading scale will be no worse than what is shown below:

90 - 100%	4.0	65 - 72	2.0
85 - 89	3.5	60 - 64	1.5
79 - 84	3.0	55 - 59	1.0
73 - 78	2.5	0 - 54	0.0

Note: Only the top 10 quiz scores will count.

Dates: Monday, August 25 Start of classes

Friday, September 18 End of the 100% refund period.

Friday, October 3 **Exam 1**

October 20, 21 Fall Break

Friday, November 14 **Exam 2**

Friday, December 5 Last day of class

Friday, December 12 **Final Exam** - 7:45 to 9:45 AM in A236 Wells Hall

Quizzes and Homework: Homework will not be collected but it is an essential part of the course. Quizzes will be given on Friday at the end of class. Quizzes will be based on the homework assignments.

Equipment: Any use of texts, notes, “crib sheets”, lists of information concealed in cell phones, etc. as an aid in writing quizzes or exams is specifically prohibited in this course.

Generative AI: The use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, etc.)

- is permitted for use on homework
- is not permitted for use on quizzes or exams

Courtesy: Please place all cell phones in silent mode and put them away.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all lectures and are responsible for all the material covered. Any changes in this syllabus or in the scheduling of tests will be announced during class meetings. Students who miss a class meeting should copy a classmate's notes from that meeting. This class begins at 10:20 AM...please be prompt.

Unless a valid excuse is presented in advance, a missed exam will receive the score 0. Please notify me of any semester conflict(s) no later than September 12, 2025, so that we can schedule a make-up.

We will follow the University's guidelines on Religious Observance described [here](#).

We will also follow the University's guidelines on grief absences as described [here](#). In addition to notifying me, please fill out the Grief Absence form available [here](#).

Students must look at this syllabus carefully and plan well ahead: Commercial/personal travel schedules are NOT valid excuses.

Misc.: Office hours are not intended to go over material covered while you were absent. Students are expected to do all of the homework. Students are also responsible for all textbook and in-class examples. This class is homework intensive. If you don't have time to do the homework, you don't have time to take the course.

If you feel that I have mis-graded your exam, please bring it to my attention immediately...no adjustments will be made once an exam leaves the room.

Integrity of Scholarship and Grades

All students are expected to adhere to the University's policy concerning academic integrity. I wish to draw your attention to the Spartan Code of Honor:

As a Spartan, I will strive to uphold values of the highest ethical standard. I will practice honesty in my work, foster honesty in my peers, and take pride in knowing that honor is worth more than grades. I will carry these values beyond my time as a student at Michigan State University, continuing the endeavor to build personal integrity in all that I do.

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