

Math 351 - Modern Algebra 1

Spring 2020 - starting March 23, 2020

Professor Ballantine

This document contains only changes relevant to the course after March 23, 2020.

Course Times and Location

TTh 12:30–1:45 PM in Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/414071411>

Office hours: Mondays 2:00–3:00 pm and Wednesdays 3:00–4:00pm Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/319905304>

Course website

<http://math.holycross.edu/~cballant/math351-s20/math351-s20.html>

Grading Policy

Midterm given on February 26: 20%

Participation and in class presentations: 15%

Homework: 25% (If your homework score is 80% or better, you receive 100% for the homework grade.)

Quizzes: 20%

There will be 5 short quizzes on Tuesdays at the beginning of the Zoom class session. The quiz is based on the homework submitted the previous Thursday. Quizzes start on March 30. There is no class on April 9, so the quiz on April 13 will be a review quiz. I will send more information as we get closer to the date.

The lowest quiz score will be dropped. The remaining 4 quizzes count for 5% each.

Final project (in groups of three): 20%

Classes meetings and preparation for classes:

Classes will take place in Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/414071411> . Classes may be recorded.

I have shared a folder with you in Google Drive. I will place screencasts and PDFs in this file. You are expected to view the relevant screencasts (probably two per class period, each about 10 minutes long) **before** the class meeting. The class meetings will be more like office hours. We will work together through examples, I (and you) will help with homework problems, and I will answer questions.

Homework Assignments

Assignments will continue as before. Assignments will be collected in Moodle. They are due on Thursdays at 5:00 pm. If you take pictures of your assignment, please use an app to convert them to PDF. You will see a Topic for each week's assignment. Click on it and you can upload your assignment.

Projects: Instead of the final exam, you will work on a project in groups of three. I will provide project topics soon. You will research the topic and write a report (approximately 3-5 pages long). You will submit one report per group. The report is due on **May 12, at 10:30am** (this is the end of your scheduled final exam slot). The entire group receives the same grade unless it becomes clear that group members have not participated equally in the writing of the project. I am happy to provide feedback if you give me a rough draft of the project by May 4 at 5:00pm. I will provide feedback by May 7 at 5:00pm.

Attendance

I hope you can attend all Zoom classes. If your circumstances change and you cannot attend, please let me know.

Academic Honesty

The same standards are still in place.

Academic Accommodations: If you have academic accommodations, you will continue to receive them on the remaining quizzes.