

# Math 4413: Abstract Algebra I

## Fall Semester 2015

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**Office Hours:** Monday and Wednesday 10am-12noon and 3pm-4pm.  
Friday 10am-12noon.

If you would like to talk to me but cannot make it during one of these times, please call first or make an appointment.

**Hours Credit:** 3 hours

**Class Time and Place:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12-12:52pm, Boyd 307

**Prerequisites:** MATH 3003 (A Transition to Advanced Calculus)

**Textbook:** A first course in Abstract Algebra, 7th edition by John B. Fraleigh,  
Publisher: Addison-Wesley.

**Topics:** The first of a two-course, in depth, rigorous study topics in the theory of groups, rings and fields.

### We will cover:

Chapter 1: Groups and Subgroups (**Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**)

Chapter 2: Permutations, Cosets, and Direct Products (**Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12**)

Chapter 3: Homomorphisms and Factor Groups (**Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**)

**Attendance:** If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining any information that you missed. If you miss a test or an exam, you must have a *university-approved excuse* and you must **make arrangements with me in advance** in order to take a make-up test/exam. If you miss four classes or more without a *university-approved excuse*, you may get an F in this course.

**Calculators:** You are not allowed to use “advanced” calculators such as TI-84 or better in your tests or final exam.

**Homework:** The following selected questions from the textbook are not to be turned in and graded but that are meant to reflect the sort of questions you can expect on tests and the final. I encourage you to use my office hours if you have any questions about them.

**Selected Questions:**

Exercises 0: Questions 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 24, 26, 31, 32, 36

Exercises 1: Questions 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 20, 21, 26, 27, 31, 34, 35, 37, 40, 41

Exercises 2: Questions 3, 8, 12, 13, 19, 23, 26, 28, 34, 35, 36, 37

Exercises 3: Questions 6, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34

Exercises 4: Questions 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 18, 19, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 39, 40, 41

Exercises 5: Questions 4, 6, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 31, 33, 35, 41, 42, 43, 46,  
47, 51, 53, 55, 56

Exercises 6: Questions 3, 7, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 28, 33, 35, 40, 44, 46, 49, 50, 51,  
52, 55

Exercises 7: Questions 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Exercises 8: Questions 2, 5, 7, 10, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 33, 34, 40, 46

Exercises 9: Questions 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 17, 23, 29, 30, 36

Exercises 10: Questions 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 39, 40, 43,  
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Exercise 11: Questions 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38,  
39, 40, 44, 46, 47

Exercise 13: Questions 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 37, 41,  
48, 49, 50, 53

Exercise 14: Questions 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 30, 31, 34

Exercise 15: Questions 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36

**Tests:** There will be 3 class tests. Each will be worth 25% toward your final grade.

Test 1: Friday September 11, 2015

Test 2: Friday October 9, 2015

Test 3: Friday November 6, 2015

**Final exam:** The final exam will be worth 25% toward your final grade.

Final exam will be on Wednesday December 9, 2015, 11am-1:30pm.

**Grading Scale:** A: 90-100%, B: 80-89%, C: 70-79%, D: 60-69%, F: 0-59%.

**Grading:** Your final grade will be determined as follows: Tests; 75% and Final: 25%.

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Academic dishonesty is NOT tolerated. It will result in failure on assignment(s) as well as possible disciplinary sanction(s) as stipulated by university rules. The University of West Georgia Student Conduct Code defines academic dishonesty as cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and facilitating or allowing academic dishonesty in any academic exercise.

**Cheating:** Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids;

**Fabrication:** Falsification or unauthorized invention of any information or citation;

**Plagiarism:** Representing the words or ideas of another as one's own. Direct quotations must be indicated and ideas of another must be appropriately acknowledged.

Academic dishonesty in any form compromises your grade and lowers the quality of your diploma. A fellow student who cheats may actually lower your grade, sometimes causing unfair and inflated grading scales. I hope each of you values your college education enough to protect yourself from dishonest classmates.

Students, please carefully review the following information at this link

[http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common\\_Language\\_for\\_Course\\_Syllabi.pdf](http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf).

It contains important material pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester.

## **Common Language for Course Syllabi**

**Updated June 21, 2013**

Students should review the following information each semester, because these statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act**

Students with a documented disability may work with UWG Accessibility Services to receive essential services specific to their disability. All entitlements to accommodations are based on documentation and USG Board of Regents standards. If a student needs

course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or chronic illness, or if he/she needs to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, the student should notify his/her instructor in writing and provide a copy of his/her Student Accommodations Report (SAR), which is available only from Accessibility Services. *Faculty cannot offer accommodations without timely receipt of the SAR; further, no retroactive accommodations will be given.*

### **UWG Email Policy**

University of West Georgia students are provided a MyUWG e-mail account. The University considers this account to be an official means of communication between the University and the student. The purpose of the official use of the student e-mail account is to provide an effective means of communicating important university related information to UWG students in a timely manner. It is the student's responsibility to check his or her email.

### **Credit Hour Policy**

The University of West Georgia grants one semester hour of credit for work equivalent to a minimum of one hour (50 minutes) of in-class or other direct faculty instruction AND two hours of student work outside of class per week for approximately fifteen weeks. For each course, the course syllabus will document the amount of in-class (or other direct faculty instruction) and out-of-class work required to earn the credit hour(s) assigned to the course. Out-of-class work will include all forms of credit-bearing activity, including but not limited to assignments, readings, observations, and musical practice. Where available, the university grants academic credit for students who verify via competency-based testing, that they have accomplished the learning outcomes associated with a course that would normally meet the requirements outlined above (e.g. AP credit, CLEP, and departmental exams).

### **University of West Georgia Honor Code**

At the University of West Georgia, we believe that academic and personal integrity are based upon honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Students at West Georgia assume responsibility for upholding the honor code. West Georgia students pledge to refrain from engaging in acts that do not maintain academic and personal integrity. These include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, aid of academic dishonesty, lying, bribery or threats, and stealing.

The University of West Georgia maintains and monitors a confidential Academic Dishonesty Tracking System. This database collects and reports patterns of repeated student violations across all the Colleges, the Ingram Library, and the School of Nursing. Each incidence of academic dishonesty is subject to review and consideration by the instructor, and is subject to a range of academic penalties including, but not limited to,

failing the assignment and/or failing the course. Student conduct sanctions range from verbal warning to suspension or expulsion depending on the magnitude of the offense and/or number of offenses. The incident becomes part of the student's conduct record at UWG.

Additionally, the student is responsible for safeguarding his/her computer account. The student's account and network connection are for his/her individual use. A computer account is to be used only by the person to whom it has been issued. The student is responsible for all actions originating through his/her account or network connection. Students must not impersonate others or misrepresent or conceal their identities in electronic messages and actions.