

Mathematics 4513-002, Spring 2009
Senior Seminar
MWF 11:30–12:20, PHSC room 117

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Text: There is no textbook for the course. I will cover topics from various sources, and will give references along the way. Try to take good notes during class.

Course website: Up to date course information and announcements can be found at www.math.ou.edu/~forester/4513S09. The Desire2Learn system will be used only to post final grades.

Grading: Your grade will be determined largely by two factors. You will be required to write a paper (due in late March) and give a 20-minute presentation to the class on it. These will determine roughly two-thirds of your grade. The remaining third is determined by *participation*, which includes:

- attending and participating in class discussions (I will keep track of attendance)
- doing a reasonable number of homework problems

Also, if you are graduating this year, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the department's *exit survey*. The department will contact you about this. We find it extremely helpful to get some feedback from you at the end of your experience as a math major.

Paper and presentation: I will give more detailed information about this shortly. You will be required to select a topic (approved by me) and write a paper on it, roughly ten pages. The due date, to be announced, will be in late March. You will also give a 20 minute presentation in class, some time after the paper is turned in.

Homework: I will occasionally give “exercises” during the lectures. Please spend some time working on those that interest you, and write up solutions to at least some of them. I will collect these and look them over now and then (with some advance warning).

Academic misconduct: Visit <http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity> for the rules governing cases of academic misconduct. See also the *Acaademic Misconduct Code*, which is part of the *Student Code* and can be found at www.ou.edu/studentcode.

Students with disabilities: The University of Oklahoma is committed to providing reasonable accomodation for all students with disabilities. If you require special accomodation in this course you are requested to speak with me as early in the semester as possible. Students with disabilities must be registered with the Office of Disability Services prior to receiving accomodations in this course. The Office of Disability Services is located in Goddard Heealth Center, Suite 166, phone (405) 325-3852 or TDD only (405) 325-4173.

Withdrawal Policy: Through February 2, you may drop the course and have it not appear on your record. Through February 27, you may drop the course and receive a “W” grade. From February 28 through April 3, you may withdraw and receive a “W” or “F” according to your standing in the class. Dropping the course after April 3 requires a petition to the Dean.