

MA 665 001
Rings and Modules

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Course Description

BULLETIN DESCRIPTION: This graduate course is a continuation of MA 661. Topics include modules over principal ideal domains, localization, primary decomposition, associated prime ideals, classes of rings and modules such as Noetherian rings and Dedekind domains, tensor and exterior products, exact sequences and resolutions, ideals and varieties, Hilbert's Nullstellensatz.

Prerequisites

MA 561 and MA 661 or consent of instructor.

Student Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, the student will be able to:

1. Study more advanced algebraic topics.
2. More effectively use research articles, books, and other information resources.
3. More successfully develop strategies for solving mathematical problems.

By actively engaging in the exploration of algebraic topics the students will achieve the above learning outcomes and acquire a sense of the breadth of algebra.

Suggested Materials

1. Commutative Algebra by David Eisenbud
2. Introduction to Commutative Algebra by M.F. Atiyah and I.G. MacDonald
3. Abstract Algebra by David S. Dummit and Richard M. Foote
4. Basic Algebra I by Nathan Jacobson

Description of Course Activities and Assignments

One midterm and a final exam at 100 points each.
Written homework at 100 points together.

Summary Description of Course Assignments

Written homework will be assigned regularly. Students are expected to write up their solutions individually. These are carefully drafted documents that should be mathematically correct and be written in good English.

Group work and discussions on the problems are encouraged. However, each student is expected to make a genuine effort in solving a problem her- or himself before talking to anyone about the problem. Moreover, the solutions must be written up on her or his own.

Course Grading

Grading scale:

90-100% = A

80 - 89% = B

70 - 79% = C

Below 70%= E

Tentative Course Schedule

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There will be three lectures per week.

Homework will be assigned every 7-14 days.

The final exam will take place in the Final Exam period. The midterm exam will take place near the middle of the semester.

Precise dates for homework and exams TBA.

Final Exam Information

The final exam is comprehensive. Time and date TBA.

Submission of Assignments

Students submit hard copies of their solutions. No late work will be accepted unless arranged prior to the due date.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to be engaged participants in every class.

Excused Absences

Students need to notify the professor of absences prior to class when possible. *Senate Rules 5.2.4.2* defines the following as acceptable reasons for excused absences: (a) serious illness, (b) illness or death of family member, (c) University-related trips, (d) major religious holidays, and (e) other circumstances found to fit “reasonable cause for nonattendance” by the professor.

Students anticipating an absence for a major religious holiday are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays no later than the last day in the semester to add a class. Two weeks prior to the absence is reasonable, but should not be given any later. Information regarding major religious holidays may be obtained through the Ombud (859-257-3737, http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/ForStudents_ExcusedAbsences.php).

Students are expected to withdraw from the class if more than 20% of the classes scheduled for the semester are missed (excused) per University policy.

Per *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2*, students missing any graded work due to an excused absence are responsible: for informing the Instructor of Record about their excused absence within one week following the period of the excused absence (except where prior notification is required); and for making up the missed work. The professor must give the student an opportunity to make up the work and/or the exams missed due to an excused absence, and shall do so, if feasible, during the semester in which the absence occurred.

Verification of Absences

Students may be asked to verify their absences in order for them to be considered excused. *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2* states that faculty have the right to request “appropriate verification” when students claim an excused absence because of illness, or death in the family. Appropriate notification of absences due to University-related trips is required prior to the absence when feasible and in no case more than one week after the absence.

Academic Integrity

Per University policy, students shall not plagiarize, cheat, or falsify or misuse academic records. Students are expected to adhere to University policy on cheating and plagiarism in all courses. The minimum penalty for a first offense is a zero on the assignment on which the offense occurred. If the offense is considered severe or the student has other academic offenses on their record, more serious penalties, up to suspension from the University may be imposed.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious breaches of academic conduct. Each student is advised to become familiar with the various forms of academic dishonesty as explained in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Complete information can be found at the following website: <http://www.uky.edu/Ombud>. A plea of ignorance is not acceptable as a defense

against the charge of academic dishonesty. It is important that you review this information as all ideas borrowed from others need to be properly credited.

Senate Rules 6.3.1 (see <http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/> for the current set of *Senate Rules*) states that all academic work, written or otherwise, submitted by students to their instructors or other academic supervisors, is expected to be the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression. In cases where students feel unsure about a question of plagiarism involving their work, they are obliged to consult their instructors on the matter before submission.

When students submit work purporting to be their own, but which in any way borrows ideas, organization, wording, or content from another source without appropriate acknowledgment of the fact, the students are guilty of plagiarism.

Plagiarism includes reproducing someone else's work (including, but not limited to a published article, a book, a website, computer code, or a paper from a friend) without clear attribution. Plagiarism also includes the practice of employing or allowing another person to alter or revise the work, which a student submits as his/her own, whoever that other person may be. Students may discuss assignments among themselves or with an instructor or tutor, but when the actual work is done, it must be done by the student, and the student alone.

When a student's assignment involves research in outside sources or information, the student must carefully acknowledge exactly what, where and how he/she has employed them. If the words of someone else are used, the student must put quotation marks around the passage in question and add an appropriate indication of its origin. Making simple changes while leaving the organization, content, and phraseology intact is plagiaristic. However, nothing in these Rules shall apply to those ideas, which are so generally and freely circulated as to be a part of the public domain.

Please note: Any assignment you turn in may be submitted to an electronic database to check for plagiarism.

Accommodations due to disability

If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC coordinates campus disability services available to students with disabilities. It is located on the corner of Rose Street and Huguelet Drive in the Multidisciplinary Science Building, Suite 407. You can reach them via phone at (859) 257-2754 and via email at drc@uky.edu. Their web address is <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/DisabilityResourceCenter/>.